June 1, 1950

Mr. Harold L. Trigg, President
St. Augustine's College
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Trigg:

I wanted to be sure this little note on African students reached your eye.

They could be ice breakers for a good many things.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

June 1, 1950

Mr. J. M. Ellison, President
Virginia Union University
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Ellison:

Here is a note on the African students in this country which I thought would be of interest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

June 1, 1950

Mr. Charles McGill Smith
UNESCO Relations Division
U. S. Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I cut out of the paper in December, 1949, the account of Mr. Truman's declaration of December 10 annually as Human Rights Day. The clipping now turns up in my Tickler.

The Council would like to do what it can toward getting the Declaration of Human Rights understood and liked throughout the South. We think we could arrange modest meetings in many cities in the South, perhaps to take place on December 10. We think the League of Women Voters, the various councils of church women, and our own forces, and perhaps a good many other groups would take part in such gatherings.

I have three questions:

1. What is to be done in the rest of the country?

2. Does my proposal fit in with the national plan?

3. In the event that the Council carries through its proposal, what materials, free or at what prices, are available, from where, toward such local observances of December 10?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 1, 1950

Rev. Kenneth G. Phifer
Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Phifer:

Miss Rogers sent off yesterday the leaflets which you requested. I thought perhaps some extra copies of the Greenville results will be useful to you. Here are five.

We are delighted that you are moving ahead toward a Rock Hill survey.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

June 1, 1950

Mr. George Stoney
Southern Education Film Service
University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia

Dear George:

Mighty sorry to have missed Palmer Street yesterday. Couldn't help myself. Look forward to a chance at it.

I snagged from an outgoing mailing Nick Read's New South addressed to SEFS. What is a proper address for him?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Same letter sent to: All State Division heads
All heads of affiliated committees

June 1, 1950

Mr. A. D. Beittel
Pres., Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Mr. Beittel:

The Council could do a good service by finding in each State the African students who are in Colleges in that State and arranging opportunities for them to see the outside world and be seen by it.

I commend to you and your Division an interest in this group. A lot could be done with careful local work.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl. - see page 5.

June 1, 1950

President A. W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Dent:

I wanted to be sure that the little note on African students in this country would come to your attention.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

June 1, 1950

Mr. James M. Cullen
Director of Education
Entebbe
Uganda
British Africa

Dear Mr. Cullen:

I am sadly late in answering your too gratifying letter back in last September. I love praise, but I love praise from a Balliol source best of all.

Here is a little note in the last issue of our magazine about African students in the Southern States.

Whatever we can do at any time to serve your needs, let us know about it.

I saw recently that Bernard de Bunsen is head man at Makerere. He and I were friends, and I am delighted that he has this responsibility.

Three places I would like to be. Virginia, Scotland, and Africa. Africa not yet, but some day.

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

June 2, 1950

Rev. H. Brent Schaeffer
1525 Robinson Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Schaeffer:

Since the Klan has made some effort to organize in Jackson, Mississippi, it would be well to have an anti-mask ordinance passed by your city council as has been done in many towns and cities before the Klan gains any strength in the state.

I am enclosing for you a booklet, "How to Stop Violence! Intimidation! in your Community." On page 18, you will find the Model Municipal Anti-Mask Ordinance. This ordinance has passed all tests of law and has been tried out long enough now in towns to prove its efficiency. If you need more copies of this pamphlet to put into the hands of your Council, we will be glad to furnish them to you.

I regret to see that the Klan even felt it could make an attempt to organize in Mississippi. While Mississippi has other troubles, it has been free of this type of intimidation. If we can help you in any way, let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

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June 2, 1950

Mr. W. F. Loggins
Community Council of Greenville County
110-A West McBee Street
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Loggins:

We rejoice with you in the success of the Greenville Survey. I have known all my life that Greenville contained a special ability to get things done with skill and spirit. The Survey is a renewed demonstration of this quality that Greenville has.

That must have been a fine meeting the other night!

We are grateful for the most prompt check for $323.57, which completes payment for the 1600 copies of the Summary.

Now the thing to do is to follow through.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 2, 1950

Mrs. Thomasina W. Norford
Minority Groups Consultant
U. S. Employment Service
U. S. Department of Labor
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Norford:

Thank you so much for the information you sent us in regard to the Internation Association of Public Employment Services. It will help us greatly in preparing our report for NEW SOUTH.

At your suggestion, I have written Mr. James Bryant, International President of the Association, for official state-by-state data on membership policy and practices.

Thank you again for your help.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

AIRMAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY June 2, 1950

Mr. James Bryant, Director
Department of Employment
State of California
1025 P Street
Sacremento, California

Dear Mr. Bryant:

We have been referred to you by Mrs. Thomasina W. Norford, Minority Groups Consultant of the U. S. Employment Service. The Southern Regional Council is preparing for the next issue of NEW SOUTH, our monthly publication, a report on the policies of state professional organizations with regard to Negro membership. Mrs. Norford has told us that you would be able to give us the information we need concerning the membership policy of the International Association of Public Employment Services in the following Southern States: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

We would be most grateful if you could tell us whether or not these state associations of employment service workers admit Negroes to membership and, if so, whether or not Negro membership is full and complete or is limited in any way.

We make this request in a spirit of urgency, since this report will have to go to press next week. We are enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope for your convenience.

Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

June 2, 1950

Miss Mary E. Frayser
Winthrop College
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Miss Mary:

How kind that is of you to make plans to see Colonel Springs.

We do greatly need his help and shall be most grateful for whatever he can give us. We would hope for a goodly sum.

I sent over a bundle of items. The story from the Herald Tribune is a remarkably fine job, and by a present-day South Carolinian. Perhaps the most widely useful thing the Council has ever done is the Race in the News booklet. In every Southern city I go to now I find the Negro citizens deeply pleased with improvements in the local papers. Next I would put the Greenville Survey. It is done in a kind spirit and will be richly rewarding in the life of that city for many years to come. I do hope Rock Hill will take up the idea, as Hartsville already has. And we have some hopes that Orangeville will do one.

You and I are due for a reunion. When can it be?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 2, 1950

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Route #1
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Miss Mary Frayser wrote me May 31 that she has written Colonel Springs and asked for an appointment with him on behalf of the Council. She said that she was doing this at your request. I sent her some useful literature.

I thought perhaps she might not have notified you that she was following through.

The whole Council feels an admiring glow for you and for all of South Carolina. The checks have come rolling in.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 2, 1950

Mr. Charles T. Steele
Urban League
418 S. 5th Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Steele:

We have now received information from virtually all the Southern States on the policies of state professional associations regarding Negro membership. The issue of NEW SOUTH for which we are preparing our report will have to go to press early next week, and we were wondering if you would be able to get the Kentucky information to us by that time. I know that Mr. Tydings referred our request to you only last week and also that this is an awfully busy time of year, but we would appreciate it very much if you could manage to hhelp us with this.

In case you have mislaid Mr. Tydings letter, the following information is what we need:

> Which of the following professional associations in Kentucky are open to Negroes -- lawyers, teachers, dentists, doctors, nurses, librarians, social workers, engineers, architects?
>
> What was the year in which those associations admitting Negroes first began to do so?
>
> In the associations which admit Negroes, is Negro membership complete, or is it limited in various ways? If so, what are the limitations or restrictions?

We are enclosing a self-addressed stamped airmail envelope for your convenience. We will be grateful for whatever help you can give us.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

June 2, 1950

Dr. H. L. Trigg, President
St. Augustine's College
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Trigg:

We have now received information from virtually all the Southern States on the policies of state professional associations regarding Negro membership. The issue of NEW SOUTH for which we are preparing our report will have to go to press early next week, and we were wondering if you would be able to get the North Carolina information to us by that time. This is an awfully busy time of year, I know, but we would appreciate it very much if you could manage to help us with this.

In case you have mislaid my earlier letter, the following information is what we need:

> Which of the following professional associations in North Carolina are open to Negroes -- lawyers, teachers, dentists, doctors, nurses, librarians, social workers, engineers, and architects?
>
> What was the year in which those associations admitting Negroes first began to do so?
>
> In the associations which admit Negroes, is Negro membership complete, or is it limited in various ways? If so, what are the limitations or restrictions?

We are enclosing a self-addressed stamped airmail envelope for your convenience. We will be grateful for whatever help you can give us.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

P. S. I hope that we will see you again at the Executive Committee meeting on the 10th.

June 2, 1950

Mrs. Ruby S. Lyells
1116 Montgomery Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

We have now received information from virtually all the Southern States on the policies of state professional associations regarding Negro membership. The issue of NEW SOUTH for which we are preparing our report will have to go to press early next week, and we were wondering if you would be able to get the Mississippi information to us by that time. This is an awfully busy time of year, I know, but we would appreciate it very much if you could manage to help us with this.

In case you have mislaid my earlier letter, the following information is what we need:

> Which of the following professional associations in Mississippi are open to Negroes -- lawyers, teachers, dentists, doctors, nurses, librarians, social workers, engineers, architects?
>
> What the the year in which those associations admitting Negroes first began to do so?
>
> In the associations which admit Negroes, is Negro membership complete, or is it limited in various ways? If so, what are the limitations or restrictions?

We are enclosing a self-addressed stamped airmail envelope for your convenience. We will be grateful for whatever help you can give us.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

June 2, 1950

Dr. Gordon W. Lovejoy
Department of Human Relations
University of Miami
Coral Gables, Florida

Dear Dr. Lovejoy:

We have now received information from virtually all the Southern States on the policies of state professional associations regarding Negro membership. The issue of NEW SOUTH for which we are preparing our report will have to go to press early next week, and we were wondering if you would be able to get the Florida information to us by that time. This is an awfully busy time of year, I know, but we would appreciate it very much if you could manage to help us with this.

In case you have mislaid my earlier letter, the following information is what we need:

> Which of the following professional associations in Florida are open to Negroes -- lawyers, teachers, dentists, doctors, nurses, librarians, social workers, engineers, architects?
>
> What was the year in which those associations admitting Negroes first began to do so?
>
> In the associations which admit Negroes, is Negro membership complete, or is it limited in various ways? If so, what are the limitations or restrictions?

We are enclosing a self-addressed stamped airmail envelope for your convenience. We will be grateful for whatever help you can give us.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

June 2, 1950

Dr. Stephen A. Stephan
Department of Sociology
University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Dear Dr. Stephan:

We have now received information from virtually all the Southern States on the policies of state professional associations regarding Negro membership. The issue of NEW SOUTH for which we are preparing our report will have to go to press early next week, and we were wondering if you would be able to get the Arkansas information to us by that time. This is an awfully busy time of year, I know, but we would appreciate it very much if you could manage to help us with this.

In case you have mislaid my earlier letter, the following information is what we need:

> Which associations of the following professional groups in Arkansas are open to Negroes -- lawyers, teachers, dentists, doctors, nurses, librarians, social workers, engineers, and architects?
>
> What was the year in which those associations admitting Negroes first began to do so?
>
> In the associations which admit Negroes, is Negro membership complete, or is it limited in various ways? If so, what are the limitations?

We are enclosing a self-addressed stamped airmail envelope for your convenience. Thank you for whatever help you can give us.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

June 2, 1950

Miss Sadye Thompson
Little Rock Urban League
914 Gaines Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Miss Thompson:

We have now received information from virtually all Southern States on the policies of professional associations regarding Negro membership. The issue of NEW SOUTH for which we are preparing the report will have to go to press early next week, and we were wondering if you could get the Arkansas information to us by that time. This is a busy time of year, I know, but we would appreciate it very much if you could help us with this.

In case you have mislaid my earlier letter, the following information is what we need:

> Which associations of the following professional groups in Arkansas are open to Negro members -- lawyers, teachers, dentists, doctors, nurses, librarians, social workers, engineers, and architects?
>
> What was the year in which those associations admitting Negroes first began to do so?
>
> In the associations which admit Negroes, is Negro membership complete, or is it subject to certain modifications and limitations? If so, what are the limitations?

We are enclosing a self-addressed stamped airmail envelope for your convenience. Thank you for whatever help you can give us.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

June 2, 1950

Miss Mary E. Rich
Boone Tavern
Berea College
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Miss Rich:

We were delighted to have a glimpse of you and to catch up again with the many Delaware friends. I envy you the kindly spirit that presides over Berea.

How kind of you to become a member of the Council. We have duly entered you.

I have written Miss Mary Dizney, and do hope she will like us.

Here is a copy of the new Greenville, South Carolina, Survey, which has done oceans of good in that city. We now need to get many other towns to follow Greenville's lead.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er
Encl.

June 2, 1950

Miss Margaret Dizney
Box 555, College Post Office
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Miss Dizney:

My good friend, Miss Mary E. Rich, wrote me that you might possibly be interested in the Southern Regional Council.

I send you some material about it and a membership blank. We would be most happy to have you as a member if you care to join.

I call particular attention among the pamphlets to Race in the News, which has done a world of good over the South, and to the Greenville Survey, which has helped greatly in that city. We want many other towns to do what Greenville did.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

June 2, 1950

Miss Anne Queen
Assistant Chaplain
Department of Religion
University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia

Dear Miss Anne:

My friend Miss Rich, who drove over to Athens with me, is at Berea for a stay -- at Boone Tavern. I trust you will recall thereabouts my friendly acquaintance with her.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 2, 1950

Dr. Charles G. Gomillion
Box 31
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Dr. Gomillion:

Thank you so much for the information which you obtained for us on Alabama professional associations. We appreciate greatly the time and effort you have given, particularly during what must be a particularly busy time for you.

What you have sent will be a great help to us in preparing our report, since it is exactly the kind of information we needed. We shall look forward to receiving the rest of the official information as soon as you have been able to obtain it.

Thank you again for all your help.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

June 2, 1950

Miss Cassandra E. Maxwell
721 Russell Street, NE
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Dear Miss Maxwell:

Thank you so much for the complete information you obtained for us about the South Carolina professional associations. And thank you even more for getting it to us on time! It will be a great help in preparing the report for NEW SOUTH.

I enjoyed seeing you at the Board Meeting . I hope the idea of a survey in Orangeburg will keep perking this summer, in spite of vacations.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

June 2, 1950

Miss Lorena Jane Murray
Senior Nurse Officer
Regional Nursing Consultant
U. S. Public Health Service
1100 Chester Avenue
Cleveland 14, Ohio

Dear Miss Murray:

Thank you for your letter of May 26. Unfortunately, the issue of our publication, NEW SOUTH, has to go to press next week, so your visit to Kentucky in the middle of June would make the information you sent us too late to use.

However, we would still be very much interested in whatever information you could send us at that time, since it would be valuable to have for reference.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

June 2, 1950

Mr. Preston Valien, Chairman
Department of Social Sciences
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Valien:

Thank you so much for the information on the membership policies of Tennessee professional associations. It will help greatly in preparing our report for NEW SOUTH.

I know that this is a particularly busy time of the year for you, so we appreciate very much your help and cooperation.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

June 2, 1950

Rev. Joseph H. Fichter, S.J., Chairman
Department of Sociology
Loyola University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Father Fichter:

Thank you so much for your letter amplifying the information you sent previously. The social workers and teachers are all straight now!

You have been more than generous with your time and help, and we do appreciate it very much.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

June 2, 1950

Mr. Calvin Kytle
Calhoun Times
Calhoun, Georgia

Dear Calvin:

It occurred to me that your archives should contain an extra copy or two of this note on Race in the News.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er
Encls.

June 2, 1950

Mr. David J. McDonald
International Secretary-Treasurer
1500 Commonwealth Building
Pittsburgh 22, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. McDonald:

My Secretary-Treasurer tells me that she may have mislaid the letter to you, May 31, which sent official thanks to you and to the United Steelworkers of America - C.I.O. for that most generous and rescuing contribution of a thousand dollars.

I add the whole Council's deep appreciation of this gift.

We admire what organized labor does, and consider that the Steelworkers and the Council share a common purpose in the South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 2, 1950

Most Reverend Robert E. Lucey, S.T.D.
Archbishop of San Antonio
Chancery Office
230 Dwyer Avenue
San Antonio 5, Texas

My dear Archbishop Lucey:

We are most grateful for your renewal of membership and your generous contribution to the Countil.

With the thought that you might be interested in a recent well-done piece about the Council, I enclose it.

Our thanks for your good wishes and your support of our program.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 2, 1950

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Here are your most recent listings of contributions. Adding these contributions sent in by you and Miss Maxwell, the pledge of South Carolina shows a total paid of $904.50

We found that some people had amounts due on memberships and part of their contributions, we applied to this. Where this has been done a small "d" is indicated after the amount. In some cases, you, Miss Maxwell, or Mr. Rubin have requested that memberships or New South subscriptions be entered. These are also shown on your list if the amount sent in for them exceeded dues or subscription. The acknowledgements are being made just as rapidly as we can get to them.

Your letter of June 1 arrived just as I was writing this. It is wonderful of you to want to contribute your portion of the dues. The amount includes January, February, March, and up until April 22. It comes to $39.00.

You people have certainly been busy and are making a grand showing. All of us here appreciate your fine help.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 2, 1950

Dr. Forrest Weir
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Weir:

Could you be so kind as to supply me with a list of appropriate centers of the missionary interest within the principal Protestant denominations in this country? The thought would be, if you agree, to send them copies of the enclosed note about African students in Southern Colleges.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

June 2, 1950

Mr. Alfred Starr
Bijou Amusement Company
423 Fourth Avenue, North
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Starr:

I thought perhaps this issue of New South would be of interest to you, particularly the note on African students in Southern Colleges.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

June 2, 1950

Mr. David Silberman, Jr.
1541 North Astor Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Silberman:

I believe we talked some about the matter of African students, which is the subject of a note in this issue of the Council's magazine.

I am still remembering warmly your and Mrs. Silberman's kindnesses.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

June 2, 1950

Mrs. Georgea Furst
Independent Aid, Inc.
41 East 57th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Furst:

This issue of New South has a little note about African students in Southern Colleges which I thought would be of interest to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

June 2, 1950

Miss Brownie Lee Jones
Southern School for Workers
14 North 9th Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Brownie Lee:

My letter to you t'other day was official, and, though I had tugs, I wasn't smart enough to send along with it a less official one.

I called GWES today, and they said they would send the check on up.

It is a crying shame that good things fold. Howsomever, I am sure that till the flag is hauled down, you and your friends will be doing good things in Virginia.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 2, 1950

Mr. Joe W. Williams, Jr.
1630 North Pleasant Street
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mr. Williams:

Here are some copies of various publications of the Council which will show you the sort of things we push. There are only 3500 members of the Council scattered over the whole South, and we are nowhere a mass pressure. But a great many of the members are influential people who find in their daily lives ways in which to further particular things that the Council is interested in. Where possible, we get our members to meet from time to time and plan ways to accomplish needful things in their own communities.

If you will look through Race in the News, you will see its possibilities. The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association sent it eight or ten months ago to all of its papers, and we have got it out to all county weeklies in the South. It has worked wonders with many newspapers -- though, I hear, not in Gainesville.

The results of the Greenville Self-Survey are remarkable, as was also an older one in Jacksonville.

We aren't spectacular, but we are sincere, and we simply try by whatever lawful and generous-spirited means are available to bring about equality and a cooperative citizenship in the South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

June 2, 1950

Mrs. Harriet Holley
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Holley:

We are most grateful for your recent contribution to the Southern Regional Council, which was sent in by Mr. J. M. Dabbs of Mayesville.

A membership has been entered in your name, as was requested.

Please accept our thanks.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:er

Jnue 2, 1950

Mr. Odom O. Fanning, Jr.
2836 Sewell Road, S.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Odom:

It has been duly recorded in The Good Book that you and Mrs. Fanning have your hearts in S.R.C. As for John Popham, we have noted your sentiments, are in full agreement, and join you in singing his praises.

Needless to say, we can use your fine check and thank you both for your generosity.

Our best regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

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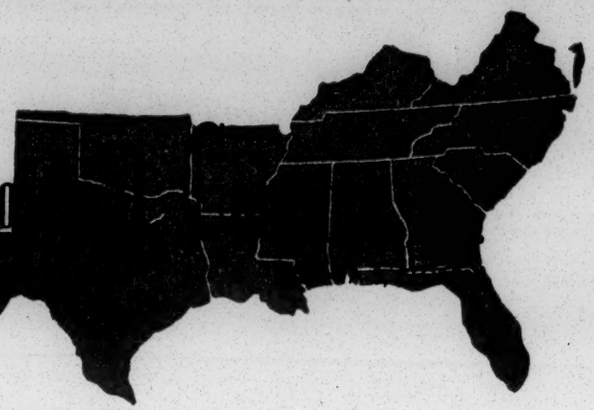

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

June 2, 1950

TO COMMUNITY COUNCILS IN THE SOUTH:

You will be interested in this short report of the recent, highly successful self-survey of the Negro community in Greenville, South Carolina.

Sponsored by the Greenville Community Council, the survey was carried out by over 250 enthusiastic volunteers of both races. It has yielded rich results from the beginning and has set a simple but effective pattern for continued community action and improvement.

The idea of citizens themselves finding the facts and putting them to work has spread from the original self-survey made in Jacksonville, Florida, in 1947, to numerous towns and cities throughout the South. As this Greenville story shows, the self-survey is a unique and flexible technique for stimulating community interest and getting results.

The purely advisory services provided by the Southern Regional Council are described in the enclosed leaflet. We will be happy to provide you with additional information upon request. We are particularly hopeful that the survey method will be picked up and used by the smaller cities and towns.

Sincerely yours,

Jane P Simpson

Jane P. Simpson
Survey Assistant

JPS:er
Encl.
Greenville's Big Idea
Survey Leaflet

June 5, 1950

Mr. Norman R. Long
Koinonia Farm, Inc.
Route 2
Americus, Georgia

Dear Mr. Long:

Thank you warmly for writing.

Why don't you just take out one membership, in the name of Koinonia Farm? We could cancel the Howard Johnson membership. Thereafter New South would come simply to the Farm, for everybody.

If you could reach up to a sustaining membership at ten dollars, that would be mighty welcome, but we would be happy to have the whole body for whatever sum you care to send in. At ten dollars, we could afford to send you say five copies of each of our publications, and you could get them circulated usefully.

I hear much good about your group.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

June 5, 1950

Honorable L. Mendel Rivers
Member of Congress
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rivers:

It is a pleasure to send you a copy of a recent Self-Survey conducted by a group of Greenville people of the Negro community in that city.

The facts they found are of importance. What is more important is the new quality of understanding of each other achieved by the citizens of both races who worked together to find the facts.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

June 5, 1950

Honorable Hugh S. Sims
Member of Congress
Washington, D. C.

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June 5, 1950

Honorable James B. Hare
Member of Congress
Washington, D. C.

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June 5, 1950

Honorable Joseph R. Bryson
Member of Congress
Washington, D. C.

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June 5, 1950

Honorable John L. McMillan
Member of Congress
Washington, D. C.

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The Honorable Olin D. Johnson
Senator from South Carolina
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Johnson:

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Executive Director

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June 5, 1950

Mrs. Irving Cohn
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

Thanks for your letter of June 2.

I have sent off a hundred each of the Civil Rights digest (10¢) and The Condition of our Rights (10¢). I put in a few Race in the News, which you might also let go for 10¢. The Greenville Survey is brand new and should hold its price of 20¢. The yellow leaflets are free.

Fleming is pleased about the copyright intentions. Many thanks indeed.

As also for Florence Sytz's splendid contribution.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 5, 1950

Mr. R. P. Daniel
1100 Florida National Bank Building
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Daniel:

Sorry to see about the revival of Ku Klux Klan activity in Jacksonville.

I do hope you will put your strength into an effort to get some kind of municipal anti-mask ordinance.

I have great respect for Morris Abram, who has watched carefully the drafting of this one.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Statement by George S. Mitchell to Associated Press, June 5, 1950.

We have not yet seen the decisions, but from preliminary accounts the Supreme Court has again made it perfectly clear that unequal facilities are illegal. It remains the South's duty to provide equality. The right way to do that will be for our institutions of higher learning to give a welcome to qualified Negroes who seek admittance.

June 5, 1950

The Honorable Burnet R. Maybank
Senator from South Carolina
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Maybank:

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Executive Director

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June 6, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Frey
1469 East Rock Springs Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Frey:

We sincerely appreciate your sustaining membership in the Council and are especially grateful for your comments about our work.

With the thought that you might be interested in a recent editorial about the Council, I enclose several copies.

Our best regards and thanks for your friendship.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 6, 1950

Dr. Nat Long
Peachtree Road Methodist Church
3180 Peachtree Road
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Long:

We are most grateful for your recent efforts on behalf of the Council. Mr. Rainey has sent us the sums raised by you along with your own check.

These contributions are being acknowledged as rapidly as possible. However, we have not been able to obtain the address of Mrs. G. R. Mitchell. If you will be so kind as to let us know her address, we will write her.

Our many thanks for your own contribution and for those which you have been able to raise. We sincerely appreciate your interest in our work.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 6, 1950

Mr. Lemuel L. Tucker
Dept. of Social Sciences
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Tucker:

Mighty kind indeed of you to send the reprints of Mr. Wyatt's paper. I have mailed them out to the heads of all our State Divisions, where they will do good.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 6, 1950

Mr. William R. Sinkin
263 Hermine
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Mr. Sinkin:

I take the liberty of sending you a copy of this new pamphlet giving the results of a survey conducted by a group of white and Negro citizens in Greenville, South Carolina.

The results they found are significant; what is of greater importance is the new understanding they got in working at the survey together.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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June 6, 1950

Mr. Herbert R. Elsas
3510 Paces Ferry Road, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

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Mr. Leslie L. Jacobs
5906 DeLoache
Dallas, Texas

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June 6, 1950

Mr. Moise W. Dennery
3132 Nashville Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana

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Executive Director

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June 6, 1950

Mr. Max H. Nathan
2023 Branard
Houston, Texas

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June 6, 1950

Mr. Jack Goren
3228 Binz
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Goren:

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Executive Director

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June 6, 1950

Mr. Charles W. Morris
534 Garden Drive
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Morris:

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Executive Director

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June 6, 1950

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

Many thanks for your letter and for the good news that you are doing well with you fund raising. I am sure the Executive Committee will be pleased with this report.

Since I wrote you, we had a contribution from the Most Reverend Robert E. Lucey, S.T. D., Archbishop of San Antonio. It was for $47.00 and should also be added to the Texas efforts.

Our sympathy is with you in the loss of Mrs. Brock. We hope that you will be able to find a treasurer as capable.

As soon as possible I'll write you the about the Executive Committee meeting.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 6, 1950

Mrs. Marcus F. Phillips
Memphis Conference
Woman's Society of Christian Service
417 Highland Avenue
Jackson, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Phillips:

Please extend our thanks for your recent contribution from the Memphis Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Those people whom you have checked will receive literature about the Council, as you have requested. We would like to send several of your officers our publication, New South. If you will indicate two or three people who would be interested, subscriptions will be entered for them.

We sincerely appreciate your interest in our work.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 6, 1950

Mr. C. L. Harper
Atlanta Branch, NAACP
204 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Harper:

Here is a letter to Mr. Wilkins about the 1951 convention. I do hope we can get them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

June 6, 1950

Mr. Roy Wilkins
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
In Session June 20 - 25, 1950
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Wilkins:

The Southern Regional Council would like to add a most earnest welcome to the 1951 convention of the NAACP.

The South and the City of Atlanta should have the advantage of your great meeting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 6, 1950

Mr. H. C. Nixon
Vanderbilt University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear HC:

I do appreciate the Paths to the Past.

Fine to see one honest guy left, who still wants these smoothie proppers-of-Dixiecrats to remember what the trouble is.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 6, 1950

Mr. Ralph A. Felton
Drew Theological Seminary
Drew University
Madison, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Felton:

I will be happy to have ten copies of **These My Brethren**, for which I enclose $3.00.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

June 6, 1950

Miss Gay Morenus
364 Old Ivy Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Gay:

We are looking forward to seeing you this summer. Anyone who has been out of the South brings a breath of fresher air. This is especially so of one coming from Washington where the good Supreme Court has given segregation the needle.

I understand from Jane that you are going to be home this summer and very busy. She has suggested, however, that I write you about our latest dilemma. It is this.

Carole is in Cleveland, Ohio at a clinic. She hasn't been well for some time and they are trying to help her. This leaves her job with no one to fill it. Carole will be gone until about the last of June or the first of July and wants very much to have the job back if she's well enough, and she seems to think she will be. This obligates us to hold her position, but we've got to do something about getting the work done in the meantime.

Would you be interested, or do you know someone who would be? We would like someone who is familiar with the work, so it won't entail our training someone new for so short a period. We would very much prefer to have you, but I understand that you have obligations at home.

Give us a call as soon as you've had a chance to think it over. At any rate, be sure and pay us a visit.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

June 6, 1950

Mr. Paul Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

Just after the Supreme Court decisions came out, the AP called us for a comment. I called your home but got a D.A. I consulted Josephine. She likes this statement, which I did release, though she thought perhaps it went somewhat beyond any position the Council had previously taken. I thought it a proper position, and put it out.

We do earnestly hope you can be here for the tenth. Charles Johnson's coming is no more certain than usual.

We have had no check from Cardinal Stritch. I assume it must have reached you by now. How very kind it is of him and of you.

I am told there is prospect of a check from the Textile Workers Union of America - C.I.O.

Here is Cardinal Stritch's letter back.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er
Encls.

June 7, 1950

Rev. Harry V. Richardson
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Richardson:

This is a report to the Georgia members of the Board of SRC and to a dozen other friends who have shown particular interest in the Council's present financial need.

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We will all be grateful indeed if any who have not completed their efforts will in the next few days get into the Council's offices the sum intended to be raised.

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June 7, 1950

Miss Josephine Wilkins
Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Josephine:

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June 7, 1950

Mr. R. L. Foreman
216 West Paces Ferry Road, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Trot:

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June 7, 1950

Dr. Forrester B. Washington
Atlanta University School of Social Work
Atlanta, Georgia

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June 7, 1950

Mr. L. D. Milton
Citizens Trust Company
Atlanta, Georgia

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June 7, 1950

Mr. Donald Oberdorfer
1173 Briarcliff Road, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Oberdorfer:

I do hope you will look through this report of a Self-Survey conducted in Greenville, South Carolina. It has had remarkable results already and promises to be useful in that city for years to come.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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June 7, 1950

Mr. Louis Regenstein, Jr.
1045 Hurt Building
Atlanta Georgia

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Executive Director

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June 7, 1950

Mr. Lester Persells
909 Georgia Savings Bank Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Les:

Enclosed is a copy of the minutes of the Annual Meeting, November 9, 1949. They must be approved by three members in attendance at the meeting before they can be officially recorded in the Good Book.

As one who attended the meeting, will you be good enough to read the minutes and make corrections if and where they are needed? If you find them correct, return them to me with a statement that you have read and approved them.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:er

June 7, 1950

Miss Lucy Randolph Mason
79½ Poplar Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Mason:

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Secretary-Treasurer

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June 7, 1950

Dr. Will W. Alexander
New Hope Farm R.F.D.
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Dr. Will:

I may have written you that we had an extra meeting of the Board on April 22. Various states undertook to raise goodly sums by June 1 or 10. Tennessee has raised a thousand dollars, South Carolina twelve hundred, New Orleans five hundred, Alabama several hundred, and Georgia well over a thousand, etc.

Guy Johnson undertook a good big bite for North Carolina and with the campaign and all, I am sure has had difficulty getting it in. You were kind enough to say you would find us a hundred dollars. That would give a fine spurt to the North Carolina figure.

I miss you and wish I could get to see you more often.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:wgd

Memo

June 7, 1950

TO: S.R.C. Food Committee for Executive
Committee meeting lunch.

Let's meet and decide this thing about

4 this afternoon.

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The Southern Regional Council, Inc.

63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.

ATLANTA, GA.

June 7, 1950

Mr. Arthur Levin
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
11 Pryor Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Art:

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(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:er

June 7, 1950

Mrs. Helena Huntington Smith
1640 Argonne Place, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Smith:

We are happy to send you two copies of the fresh-from-the-printer Greenville Survey.

I do hope you got to talk with the people in Greenville.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

June 7, 1950

Mr. G. Howland Shaw
2723 N Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Shaw:

You will recall that in Mr. Paul Williams' letter to you of some two weeks ago regarding the Greenville Survey, he undertook that a copy of the printed report would be sent to you as soon as available.

I take great pleasure in sending you three copies.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

x

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL INC., 63
Auburn Avenue - WA 7963

June 7 1950

TELEGRAM - PREPAID

Mrs. Moise S. Cahn
40 Versailles Boulevard
New Orleans, Louisiana

Delighted with the arrangements. Call Mrs. Irving Cohn clear date

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

June 7, 1950

Miss Emily H. Clay
1020 Granada Street
Clearwater, Florida

Dear Miss Clay:

Mr. E. G. Wilson came in today. John R. Mott's secretary is compiling archival material about Mr. Mott's career. It is said that Mott was instrumental in convening in Atlanta in 1914 a Southwide Student-Faculty Conference -- both races. There resulted from the meeting (recollection) a 400-page report. The only copy known to survive is in the files of the International YMCA in New York. Wilson wants to find a copy to send to Mott's secretary. Preliminary search here reveals no copy.

I forgot to say that in Wilson's recollection this meeting "launched the inter-racial movement in the South."

All new history to me.

Does your memory help out?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 7, 1950

Mr. Ed McCuiston, Director
Division of Negro Education
State Department of Education
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. McCuiston:

It is kind of you to circulate the little leaflet. We are sending you, as you requested, a packet containing nearly all our items.

Note particularly the Greenville Survey, which has done and will keep on doing a lot of good.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 7, 1950

Mr. George Goodwin
The Atlanta Journal
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Goodwin:

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June 7, 1950

Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

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Rev. Harrison McMains
1678 North Rock Springs Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

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George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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June 7, 1950

Miss Margaret C. McCulloch
858 Whitford Place
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Miss McCulloch:

Here is a list of the Memphis members. I do hope it can be lengthened.

There is now some further talk of a Louisiana Division.

Tennessee has been doing a grand job on raising money for the Council. Mr. Mynders pledged $1,000 for the Division and has already paid in $813.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

Southern Regional Council members inMMemphis, Tenn. 6/7/50

Miss Margaret C. McCulloch
858 Whitford Place

Miss Ola Beckett
424 Goodwyn Institute Bldg.

Mr. F. D. Binford
Lemoyne College

Miss Isabel Bland
2195 Marble Avenue

Mr. Walter Chandler
1530 Peabody Avenue

Mr. Peter Cooper
807 Walker Avenue

Mr. F. M. Dickenson
1702 4 Columbian Mutual Tower Bldg.

Miss Alma C. Hanson
807 Walker Avenue

Mr. Dudley B. Hinds
1937 Harbert Avenue

Mr. Ernest Hooper
Lemoyne College

Dr. N. C. McPherson Jr.
1191 Peabody Avenue

Mr. Hollis F. Price
Lemoyne College

Mr. Howard E. Sims
850 McLemore Avenue

Mr. and Mrs. Roland F. Smith
Lemoyne College

June 8, 1950

Rev. Maurice V. Shean, C.O.
P. O. Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Shean:

I am much honored to be bespoken for so long ahead as January 22, 1951. Also, I am honored by the occasion and by the opportunity to appear with Father Higgins. Of course, I accept with the greatest pleasure.

Let me know later on exactly when and where you want me to be.

The Council is having rather better sailing these last few weeks. South Carolina has been noble in its contributions.

I am quite hopeful that you and our other friends in Rock Hill will move ahead with a survey more or less like the Greenville one, which incidentally has had the warmest praise.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

June 8, 1950

Mrs. Henry Havens
2845 Corinthian Ave.
Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Mrs. Havens:

We continue to rejoice in the Greenville survey, which everybody likes. I have it constantly in mind that it is your plan fulfilled.

I see there isn't anything formal that can be done to interest the Episcopalian forces in the South further just now in the survey idea. I am just as happy--perhaps more so--with what you can do informally, and I know that is a lot. I send you ten more copies, feeling that opportunities will come to you to get people in additional towns interested in this idea.

The Greenville News had a delightful editorial the day after a big meeting in the court house to discuss the survey findings. Here is a paragraph or two from it: "Best thing about this survey is that it has been made not by outsiders but by a large group of Greenvillians, representing both races. The community need feel no undue sensitivity about having its shortcomings in some fields pointed out; after all, this is self-examination.

"Over ten months have gone into this work. The result is a sensible, non-dramatic presentation of the total picture in the Negro community and the role of that community in the life of Greater Greenville."

Your suggestion about personal follow-ups is a good one, and I will try to get it followed up as far as I can.

Hugh Brimm has promised to put in the Baptist magazinelet some notice of the Greenville survey. I will see what can be done with the Methodists.

The Florida Board Members, as far as I recall them, are Mr. Gibbs, ex officio, Edgar Ray, Herbert Davidson, G. D. Rogers and Emily Clay.

The various states that undertook special money raising efforts at the April 22 Board Meeting have done pretty well. Tennessee has practically completed its thousand. South Carolina has done all but a hundred or so of its $1350.00. New Orleans has raised its five hundred. Mrs. Crate promised five hundred for Texas and says it will all be in in a few days. Georgia is already

half way through with $2300.00. Alabama is slow. Kentucky won't finish until in the fall. North Carolina is slow but probable. Virginia is perhaps two-thirds through. The Executive Committee meets on Saturday, June 10. I think the report to them will be on the whole encouraging.

At the April 22 meeting, a new finance committee was set up: Glenn Rainey, John Griffin, and Rufus Clement. They have devised a plan for getting fifty people in each state to get ten new sustaining members. Here is the first leaflet in such a campaign. Can you advise me of any Florida persons who might become part of a "50" for Florida? You will see that we have until the end of this calendar year for finding the new members.

We have cut our current debt down to something quite manageable, $2,500, and with the help we have had from the people in the various states, things have been smooth though later this year it will again be hard to meet each payroll.

I wrote Mr. Daniel yesterday and asked him to lend his weight to a movement to get an anti-mask ordinance through in Jacksonville.

Yesterday I looked through about 175 cards of Florida members, delinquent since their first and only dues payment in 1947. They have been notified that we can't carry them further, and we are now ceasing to send them any publications. The list will be sent to Mrs. White for whatever can be done to bring any of them back into the fold. Would you want a copy of the list?

There will be perhaps nineteen vacancies on the Board to be filled in November. Will you suggest any one whome you think ought to be on from Florida? I think we ought to suggest Mr. Daniel to the nominating committee. His term expired in 1949 and he was not reelected because he was then on the Board ex officio as head of the Florida Division. Now that has passed on to Mr. Gibbs.

All best wishes.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

Literature attached

June 8, 1950

Mr. Felton G. Clark, President
Southern University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Clark:

Very many thanks indeed for your cheering letter of June 5.

I should think a division could be set up for Louisiana if you would be present at the New Orleans meeting yourself and arrange for a tolerably representative group from outside New Orleans to be there also. Four or five of you perhaps from Baton Rouge and a scattering from other towns would be enough--better if still more. We wrote all our Louisiana members as I told you and urged them to be present.

How very kind that is of you to concern yourself to get together so large a sum for the Council. We will be mighty happy when it arrives. The other states have done quite well with their pledges.

The decisions were pretty good weren't they?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

June 8, 1950

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mays:

This is a report to the Georgia members of the Board of SRC and to a dozen other friends who have shown particular interest in the Council's present financial need.

At the time of the extraordinary meeting of the Board of Directors in April, the Georgia members present undertook to raise for the Council $2,350.00, to be available at the time of the Executive Committee meeting June 10. Of this amount, $1,026.50 has thus far been received. A letter from the Finance Committee to nearly all of the Georgia members of the Council went out two weeks or so ago, asking general help toward meeting the pledge.

We will all be grateful indeed if any who have not completed their efforts will in the next few days get into the Council's offices the sum intended to be raised.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 8, 1950

Mr. Goodrich C. White
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Mr. White:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 8, 1950

Mrs. Chris Crittenton
1537 Caswe l Street
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Janet:

How very kind indeed of you to send me

(a) a nice note
(b) much good inside facts about how the voting went.

I held my breath for the whole couple of days, and as I still haven't found out whether the man Smith demanded a run off, I am still breathing in gasps.

Yours indeed for Frank.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:wgd

June 8, 1950

Mr. Richard Anliot
Collendale B-10
Syracuse 10, New York

Dear Mr. Anliot:

Miss Kittrell sent me on June 5 your letter of April 24 to her about the possibility of a job this summer or later with the Southern Regional Council. I am sorry for the delay and for what must have been your assumption we were not enough concerned to answer your inquiry.

The Council has such a struggle to live and meet its bills that it could not take on anybody, for which we are mighty sorry. I am sure you would be a mighty good egg to have. I congratulate you on your career thus far and promise you much usefulness in the years to come.

My warm regards to Paul Appleby whom I greatly admire.

Here are a couple of our more recent publications which you will like. When you get a good job, how about joining the Council?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

June 8, 1950

Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton
Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Grace:

Atlanta is being besieged by German visitors as you know on the last part of June. Four in particular are to be at the Council offices for lunch at 12:15 June 21--that is a Wednesday. Could I get you and Bob Thompson to have lunch with us? You know, they just want to talk about this part of the world.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:wgd

June 8, 1950

Mr. Robert H. Johnson
Instructor in Government
Harvard University
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Many thanks for your letter of June 1. I have set aside June 21 to be of any help we can to you and the four German visitors.

We will expect you all at a light luncheon at the Council offices at 12:15 that day. We can talk some after lunch about the South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:wgd

June 8, 1950

Mrs. Sylvan Weil
Katonah, New York

Dear Mrs. Weil:

The Southern Regional Council acknowledges with thanks your recent check sent in by Mrs. Calvin Sandison of Atlanta.

I am enclosing a recent editorial which tells about our work.

We sincerely appreciate your interest in our program.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

cc: Mrs. Sandison

June 9, 1950

Mr. James N. Murray
Box 961
Davidson College
Davidson, N. C.

Dear Mr. Murray:

In response to your recent letter, I am sending separately a packet of our materials which I believe you will find of interest.

Two items might particularly command your attention as program possibilities. The first is the pamphlet "Race in the News." This little booklet, placed in the hands of newspaper editors and private citizens, has already done much to bring about improvement in Southern newspapers. We have found the most useful approach is for groups like your own to call on the editor and, using the pamphlet as a guide, discuss possible improvements with him.

The second item is "Greenville's Big Idea," a report of the Greenville, S. C., self-survey of its Negro community. That kind of constructive action is one of the best devices for building a common citizenship.

I hope you will find other helpful ideas in the material sent. Also enclosed is a complete list of our available publications.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

June 9, 1950

Mrs. Sadye A. Thompson
Urban League of Greater Little Rock
914 Gaines Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Thompson:

Thank you so much for the information you obtained for us about the Arkansas professional associations. It will be a great help to us in preparing our report for NEW SOUTH

We appreciate very much your help and cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

Also written likewise:

Sol Sutker (Okla.)
Dr. Harold L. Trigg (N.C.)
Mrs. Ruby S. Lyells (Miss.)
A. Stephen Stephan (Ark.)
Gordon W. Lovejoy (Fla.)
Daphine D. Doster (Nurses - N. C., Va.)

June 9, 1950

Mr. Charles T. Steele, Executive Secretary
Louisville Urban League
418 South 5th Street
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Steele:

We are most grateful to you for all the time and effort you have given us in rounding up the information on professional associations in Kentucky. The information is exactly what we needed, and it should be a great help to us in preparing our report for NEW SOUTH.

Thank you again for your generous help. Please let us know if we can ever be of service to you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Simpson
Research Assistant

June 9, 1950

Mr. Ralph A. Rose
American Friends Service Committee
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Rose:

Mighty sorry to hear of difficulties, but I will continue to have hope. We greatly need some help.

Here is a copy of a recent issue of one of the Greenville papers, which gives a good news story and a fine editorial about the Survey. That kind of work remakes race relations in a whole city. And it shows signs of spreading to several other places in South Carolina very soon.

If the Council can have some nourishment we can get that sort of local work done in many towns.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

June 9, 1950

Mr. Philleo Nash
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Philleo:

Freedom to Serve duly came. We have already mailed it out to the officers of our State Divisions and affiliated interracial committees over twelve Southern States and to the Fellows of the Council, who number approximately a hundred and are also widely spread in the South.

We are truly grateful for the opportunity to get this excellent publication into this further circulation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 9, 1950

Mrs. Henry Havens
2845 Corinthian Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mrs. Havens:

See what a nice news story and editorial the Greenville paper used.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

June 9, 1950

Mrs. Max Ascoli
23 Gramercy Park South
New York 3, New York

Dear Mrs. Ascoli:

You will be interested in the news story and good editorial from this copy of the Greenville, South Carolina, paper, about the Survey.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

June 9, 1950

Mr. W. B. Stubbs
John Bulow Campbell Foundation
Trust Company of Georgia Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Stubbs:

You will be interested in the news story on the first page and the editorial about the Greenville survey in the enclosed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

June 9, 1950

Mr. Gilbert J. Balkin
Anti-Defamation League
330 Seybold Building
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Mr. Balkin:

It was mighty kind of you to send me the information about Chief Headley.

I have passed the substance of it on to the people in Louisville. Kind of you to help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 9, 1950

Mr. Howell V. Williams
Police Training Institute
University of Louisville
Louisville 8, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Williams:

My information from Miami is that Chief Walter Headley of the Miami Police Department would be a suitable person for a head place in the new Police Training Institute, but that he is eligible for retirement in five years, and the salary as Director of the Institute is only a few hundred dollars in excess of what he now receives.

The Chief has been offered faculty positions in law enforcement in the past.

This information is unofficial but authentic.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 9, 1950

Mr. Ernest Neal
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Neal:

I placed two telephone calls. One to R. W. Hudgens, New York; cost, including tax, $2.94. The second to Chancellor Harvie Branscomb, Nashville (Vanderbilt); cost, including tax, $1.40.

Total cost, $4.34.

Pete Hudgens was Assistant Administrator of Farm Security. He will send a letter himself and will have a letter sent by the following intimate friends of Dr. Will's now resident in New York: Leonard Outhwaite; Jack Fischer, now head man in the publishing department of Harper's; James G. Maddox, high man in the Venezuela Development Corporation business; Fred Wale, sometime Rosenwalder, now busy at Puerto Rican education. These five from New York.

I did not talk to Branscomb, who was out, but his secretary was to tell him on Monday, and I feelssure he will write.

Mrs. Tilly here has been slow about getting her letter in, but promises to hasten it.

That should add up to seven.

My guess is that a reminder to some of the others would produce additional letters.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 9, 1950

Mr. Oliver La Farge, President
Association on American Indian Affairs, Inc.
48 East 86th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Mr. La Farge:

While the Southern Regional Council is interested in the needs and problems of Indians in the South, I think in the mind of the public we are so identified with questions of Negro-white relations that we receive little information about Indian matters.

One of our vice-presidents, Mr. Guy Johnson in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, has lately completed an exhaustive study of the mainly-Indian community around Pembroke, North Carolina (some 15,000 people), and he may have some helpful information about them. They have no treaty rights with the Federal Government. Generally speaking, I think they get fair though segregated treatment from the State. They have long had the vote, and they use it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 9, 1950

Mrs. Ethel Phillips
286 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Phillips:

Here is the editorial that appeared in the New Orleans Item February 13.

I understand that the editor is prepared to run another editorial of this nature as soon as there is a suitable news item about the Genocide Convention.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

June 10, 1950

Mr. Emil Rieve, President
Textile Workers Union of America--C.I.O.
33 Pryor St., N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rieve:

We were grateful for the opportunity to talk with you briefly today.

The Southern Regional Council would like to ask TWUA--CIO for a contribution of a thousand dollars.

The Council has all along held that the cause of interracial adjustment is advanced by industrial progress, and has considered that the democratic conduct of industrial relations through trade unionism is a most important part of useful industrial growth. We work for a South in which people shall be equal and free.

It has not been possible to support the agency without the aid of other organizations interested in the growth of democratic institutions in the South.

I send along as of interest various publications of the Council. They will indicate the general approach of our work. But, we are not simply a pamphlet publishing agency. We head an active group of southern people of both races who lend their strength to helpful causes all over the region. The attached newspaper account gives a convenient summary of the Council's program.

We urgently seek the cooperation of the textile workers of the country and of TWUA in particular.

Sincerely,

Paul Williams, President

George S. Mitchell, Executive Director

PW,GSM:wgd

STATE EFFORTS - AS OF JUNE 10, 1950

	Pledged	Paid
Alabama	$ 500.00	$ 208.00
Florida		150.00
Georgia	2,350.00	1,155.50
Kentucky	1,000.00	260.50
Louisiana	500.00	469.00
Mississippi	1,000.00	232.00
North Carolina	2,000.00	185.00
South Carlina	1,250.00	1,010.25
Tennessee	1,000.00	825.00
Texas	500.00	172.00
Virginia	800.00	432.00
TOTALS	$10,900.00	$5,099.25

June 10, 1950

Mr. Paul Sifton
UAW-CIO
1129 Vermont Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Paul:

Mrs. Tilly and I are grateful to you for your assistance and encouragement during our recent visit with you in Washington.

As you requested, I am enclosing several copies of the article on the Council which appeared in the New York Herald Tribune. Under separate cover I am sending you a sampling of our literature.

I hope you have already put our name in the pie for help from the UAW, urging action on a request for one thousand dollars. If you think I should follow your letter with a personal letter of my own to Walter Reuther, I will be glad to follow your advice.

On my next visit to Washington sometime in July, Iwwill drop by your office for a visit with you. Meanwhile, thanks a million for everything.

Please remember me to your secretary, who was so courteous during our visit together.

Sincerely,

Paul D. Williams
President

PDW:er

June 10, 1950

Mr. George McMillan
Box 299
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear George:

The names and addresses of my brothers and sisters herewith:

Broadus Mitchell, 313 West 20th Street, New York. Assistant Professor of Economics, Rutgers University.
Morris Mitchell, Putney, Vermont. I don't know what his title is, but he is conducting at the Putney School a graduate school, training progressive-school teachers. I guess he is an educator.
Terry Mitchell, 30 South Church Street, Waynesboro, Pennsylvania. Mechanical engineer.
Mrs. George Orr Clifford, Pequot Road, Southport, Connecticut.

I have dictated the anecdotes, but they simply can't be transcribed and mailed to you until Monday.

I can't find a copy of my thesis. The one in the Carnegie Library in Atlanta is out or packed up. I'm just sunk on that. There should be a copy of it at Augusta.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

June 12, 1950

Mr. J. T. Dorris
Eastern Kentucky State College
Richmond, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Dorris:

We are extremely grateful for your contribution to the Southern Regional Council.

It is sincerely hoped that the Council will continue to exist. We have had some small grants from Northern foundations, but most of them seem to feel that it is time for support to come from the South. Our State Divisions and members, such as yourself, have done much to help us along, and with their efforts, we may convince the foundations that we in the South have been working to help ourselves.

Please accept our thanks for your support and your interest.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 12, 1950

Reverend A. S. Turnipseed
9 Gilmer Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama

My dear Reverend Turnipseed:

Thank you for your recent check which Mr. A.D. Shores of Birmingham has forwarded to us.

There is some question as to how to credit this check. In checking your membership record, we find that you owe dues for 1948, 1949, and 1950.

Dues in 1948 were $2.00. In 1949, dues were raised to three dollars and single memberships remain at $3.00. This means you owe dues of $8.00. Would you like to send the eight dollars to cover dues and consider your recent check a contribution, or would you prefer to send the additional three dollars which would bring your membership up to date to July 1951? We would appreciate hearing from you.

Your interest in the Council's program is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 12, 1950

Mrs. Ruby S. Lyells
1116 Montgomery Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

I am sending you a copy of a good bulletin on how to prevent violence and intimidation. This is anent the recent Ku Klux activities in Jackson.

The model bills for State or municipal enactment have been most carefully worked on and are good.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 12, 1950

Mr. L. D. Milton, President
The Citizens Trust Company
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Milton:

We are extremely grateful for your recent contribution to the Council. It has helped us a great deal, and we all wish you to know of our appreciation.

Our Executive Committee met last week and was much encouraged by the pledges and efforts of the Board. Our new Finance Committee has made plans for a sound financial basis in terms of 500 ten dollar sustaining memberships in each Southern state. All this adds up to new hope for our future.

I enclose a recent editorial about the Council.

Our best regards and many thanks for your interest and support.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 12, 1950

Dean William J. Faulkner
Memorial Chapel and Union Church
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Faulkner:

Please extend our thanks to the Fisk Union Church members for their recent contribution to the Council.

We are extremely grateful for your interest and support.

I enclose a recent editorial about the Council.

Our best regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 12, 1950

Mr. J. L. Clark
Division of Social Science
Sam Houston State Teachers College
Huntsville, Texas

Dear Mr. Clark:

Our many thanks to you for sending in the thirteen new student memberships. We are most happy to have them.

We beg your indulgence for some delay in sending our materials to them. Our membership secretary ~~is~~ has been ill for several weeks and will be out of the office for the rest of this month. However, there should be a delay of only a week or two before these students will have our literature.

I enclose a recent editorial about the Council.

Our best regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 12, 1950

Mr. John Q. Schisler, Executive Secretary
Board of Education
The Methodist Church
P.O. Box 871
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Schisler:

We are indeed grateful for your annual appropriation of two hundred dollars which arrived this morning. Please extend our thanks to your Board for their continued interest and generosity.

As you know, our financial situation has been critical. Renewed efforts on the part of our membership and our Board of Directors has given us new hope for our future.

The Council's program seems to be felt more than ever throughout the South. One aspect of this program is that of the community self-survey designed for small towns. A number of such towns in the South are taking on such surveys. I send you a recent study done by citizens of Greenville, South Carolina, which was enthusiastic and successful. We hope this can be repeated in the smaller communities also, where size will not prevent people from surveying the community as a whole rather than just the Negro areas, as was the case in Greenville.

Our best regards and sincere thanks.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

CC: NH
WGD

June 12, 1950

Mrs. J. D. Bragg
3666A Montana Street
St. Louis 16, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Bragg:

You have been a valued associate member of the Council since 1945, but unfortunately our membership secretary brought me in yesterday the card which keeps a record of dues payment. You haven't sent us a check for 1947, or 1948, or 1949, or 1950. The whole business would amount to $10.00 to pay you up currently through 1950, but we would be delighted to make you current if you would send us in a check for $5.00. Do you think you could?

We honor your work and want to continue to have you with us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 12, 1950

Mr. Michael Straight
National Office
American Veterans Committee
1751 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.
Washington 9, D. C.

Dear Mr. Straight:

I hope you will find time to look through this report of the Self-Survey done in Greenville, South Carolina.

The facts the local citizens found are of interest; what is of greater importance is the new understanding they built in the city.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

June 12, 1950

Mr. Alexander Miller
Anti-Defamation League
11 Pryor Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Alex:

Thanks for the note about Jackson, Mississippi. I have sent out to head people over there copies of "How to Stop Violence, Intimidation in Your Community," and asked them to get busy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 13, 1950

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

Here is that list of Atlanta donors I promised you Saturday. All have made contributions since March 25th.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 13, 1950

Mrs. Nell Barrett
The Willow Run Public Schools
Ypsilanti School District No. 1 Fr.
Willow Run Village, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Barrett:

We are somewhat puzzled about your letter of June 6 concerning your order Number 3433. Our membership secretary, who would usually handle this, has been ill for several weeks, and I should like to clarify your order to our mutual satisfaction.

We do not have a mailing list subscription of $1.00 per year which you mentioned. We do have a publications service at $2.00 per year or a subscription to our magazine, New South, at $1.50 per year. Our publications service includes New South and any other publication which may be issued during the year.

We will be happy to enter either subscription you wish, and I shall see that your order receives prompt attention.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 13, 1950

Mr. Reginald Mitchell
Chairman, Conclave Committee
Cosmopolitan Club
University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

My apologies. Dr. Mitchell asked me to reply to your letter of May 10 for him; your letter promptly got buried in a pile of correspondence to be filed, and has just now come to light.

You are kind to offer to reimburse his expenses to Athens of last month. The total came to $7.00.

Again, my apologies.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rogers
Secretary to Dr. Mitchell

Memorandum

June 13, 1950

To: Mrs. Tilly

From: Dr. Mitchell

If you think it wise, I would like to get out a personal letter to four, five, or six key persons over the South who could do something to get churches interested in the business about African students. We have this last issue of New South to hang the matter on (See page 5). Whom would you advise?

GSM

June 13, 1950

Mr. Hugh Brimm
2825 Lexington Road
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Hugh:

I thought this note on African students in Southern Colleges might be of special interest to you.

If missionary societies would lend a hand, they could do a lot to open understanding in this area.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

CC: NH
WGD

June 13, 1950

Mr. George W. Snowden
Louisiana State Employment Service
1335 North Boulevard Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Snowden:

I had a pleasant conversation in New York a few weeks ago with Mrs. Thomasina Norford. We both praised you.

A small item of sad news. The last dues check we had from you was in October, 1947. Technically, you owe us, to make you current through 1950, $9.00. I am sure you are not rich, so we will make you current for whatever check you can send in. You know we value you and do want you to stay as part of the Council.

We have early prospects of setting up a Louisiana Division and would greatly want to have you in it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 13, 1950

Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton, Executive Secretary
Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Grace:

The Executive Committee has requested that I extend their thanks to you in assisting the Finance Committee in their fine work in planning for the Council's future.

The "50 for '51" campaign was enthusiastically approved. We do appreciate your good and rewarding efforts on behalf of the Council.

Please give my regards to Eleanor. The best of bon voyages to you. If you have time, stop by before you leave. How I envy you!

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 13, 1950

Miss Josephine Wilkins
Atlanta Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Josephine:

The Executive Committee has requested that I extend their thanks to you in assisting the Finance Committee in their fine work in planning for the Council's future.

We do appreciate your good and rewarding efforts on behalf of the Council. Your considered judgement on many occasions has given us sound guidance.

Our best regards and thanks.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 13, 1950

Mr. John Griffin
1426 Clairmont Road
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Mr. Griffin:

The Executive Committee has requested that I extend their thanks to you as a member of the Finance Committee for your fine work in planning for the Council's future.

The "50 for '51" campaign was enthusiasticelly approved.

We do appreciate your good and rewarding efforts on behalf of the Council.

Our best regards and thanks.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 13, 1950

Dr. Rufus E. Clement, President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

The Executive Committee has requested that I extend their thanks to you as a member of the Finance Committee for your fine work in planning for the Council's future.

The "50 for '51" campaign was unanimously approved by the Executive Committee.

Please accept our thanks for your efforts on behalf of the Council.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 13, 1950

Mr. Glenn W. Rainey
120 Third Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rainey:

The Executive Committee has requested that I extend their thanks to you as a member of the Finance Committee for your fine work in planning for the Council's future.

The "50 for '51" campaign was enthusiastically approved.

We do appreciate your efforts on behalf of the Council.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 13, 1950

Mr. J.M. Dabbs
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

My apologies for not returning Miss Maxwell's letter and list. It was one of the items which got lost in the shuffle of preparation for the Executive Committee meeting. I hope this delay has not caused you great inconvenience.

In reviewing, the sums paid in the State efforts have brought in $5,099.25 of the $10,900 pledged for June 1st. The efforts are continuing, and we hope the full amount will be realized before long.

Many states are having political races now and have asked that an extension of time be given them.

South Carolina shows $1,010.25 of its pledge. You people have very nearly made your pledge and have done a fine job. The Executive Committee wished me tho compliment you and thank you for your efforts; they are most sincerely appreciated.

Kindest regards from all.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 13, 1950

Mrs. J. W. Mills
2429 Broadway
Beaumont, Texas

Dear Mrs. Mills:

We have your recent membership blank with your notation that you sent in your dues check of $3.00 on March 8, 1950.

We have checked our records and find no indication of this. It is quite possible that it was lost in the mails. If this is so, you will want to stop payment on your check. If we are mistaken and you did send your check which we failed to record, your cancelled check sent to us will be duly noted.

Please accept our apologies for not notifying you sooner. We hope that the difficulty has not caused a delay in your receiving our publications.

Your interest in our work is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 13, 1950

Mr. E. Vibberts
Virginia Court Apartments
Greenwich, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Vibberts:

A complimentary subscription to our publication, New South, has been coming to you for a year.

We would like very much to have you become an associate member of the Council.

I send you a membership blank and a recent editorial about the Council.

We appreciate your interest in our program.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 13, 1950

Mr. George Rothman, President
International Association of Public
Employment Services
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Rothman:

Thank you for your telegram to Mrs. Simpson regarding membership policy of the Association.

She is on vacation for the next two weeks, and will see your information on her return.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rogers
Secretary to Executive Director

ER/r

June 14, 1950

Mr. Marion Wright
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Here is the list of South Carolina donors I promised you on Saturday. All have contributed since March.

Also, those North Carolinians contributing are:

Mr. J. H. Wheeler Durham	$125.00	Dr. Howard W. Odom Chapel Hill	$50.00
Dr. Guy B. Johnson Chapel Hill	50.00	Norman Foerster Chapel Hill	10.00
Father John J. Hyland Swannanoa	5.00	Dudley C. Cowden Chapel Hill	5.00
Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown Sedalia	25.00	J.W. Umstead, Jr. Chapel Hill	5.00
Roland McClamroch Chapel Hill	5.00	Dr. Cecil G. Sheps Chapel Hill	5.00

Edward Burrows $7.00
Guilford

As I told Dr. Johnson, you probably shouldn't be too discouraged about North Carolina's showing, in view of the present political race. They will come through eventually and we will still need their help.

It was a pleasure to see you again Saturday.

Our kindest regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

June 15, 1950

Mrs. Eugenia Porter Rayzor
3207 Groveland Lane
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Rayzor:

We are most grateful for your generous contribution to the Southern Regional Council. It was indeed kind of you to make us this gift.

I enclose a recent editorial about the Council and am sending under seaparate cover an interesting study the citizens of Greenville, South Carolina have done.

Our many thanks for your support of the Council's program.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 15, 1950

Mrs. Laura Edwards
% Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Edwards:

Please extend our thanks to the Waco Commission on Interracial Cooperation for their recent contribution sent us by Mrs. Crate.

I enclose a recent editorial about the Council.

Our kindest regards and best wishes for success in your own program.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

MEMORANDUM

June 15, 1950

To: Mrs. Tilly

From: Dr. Mitchell

At the meeting June 8 of the Fulton County Committee, Mr. Harper told me that they had a number of teachers who had served their three years' probation and instead of receiving usual appointments had just lately beeing given appointments as war emergency teachers at a lower salary.

He wants to know if this has happened with any white teachers in the Atlanta schools.

GSM

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MEMORANDUM

June 15, 1950

To: N.H.

From: G.S.M.

Mrs. Tilly is prepared to agree with us ~~in~~ as to the list of persons, members of the Georgia Committee, being now long delinquent in paying the $1.00 for New South being dropped as New South subscribers. She is also prepared to send out what would be best, looking toward getting some of them to send in a renewing dollar for New South.

Can you work ith her on this?

GSM

June 15, 1950

Dr. F. Rivers Barnwell
1328 Louisiana Avenue
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Dr. Barnwell:

Please extend our thanks to the Fort Worth Commission for their contribution to the Southern Regional Council.

Our thanks, also, for the recent memberships you sent. We find that the Reverend and Mrs. James V. Reid have paid their dues in February, but find no record of payment for Miss Lena Rust since March 1949. Perhaps it will come in the next few days. You had noted in your letter to Mrs. Crate that these two memberships were sent directly to our offices.

Our kindest regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 15, 1950

Mr. Felton Clark, President
Louisiana Southern University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Clark:

Mrs. Tilly reported an excellent meeting of the New Orleans Committee, but no one present from other communities in the State.

Do you suppose we can plan a meeting, say in Baton Rouge, for September or early October which would draw together Louisiana people?

We are remembering eagerly your promise to send us the good round sum you were getting together.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 15, 1950

Mrs. Rebecca West, Author
London, England

My dear Mrs. West:

Our organization circulated widely in the South reprints of your notable account of the trial of the lynchers in Greenville, South Carolina.

We are sure you will find of interest this pamphlet giving the results of a survey conducted in that city by white and Negro citizens, about the condition of the Negro community.

The survey has been widely acclaimed in the press. Outside Greenville the press has played it as in some part amends of conscience for the wretched events of three years ago. In Greenville it has been played as simply an attempt by Greenville citizens to do something about the needs of part of the citizenry there.

I shouldn't expect you to find time to read it all. You will be particularly interested in the paragraph on page 31 gbeginning "All these ..."

Our admiration for your insight and skill.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 15, 1950

Mr. W. B. Stubbs
John Bulow Campbell Foundation
Trust Company of Georgia Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Stubbs:

You will be interested in the enclosed editorial from the New York Times of last Sunday, touching on the Greenville Survey.

The editorial was done by Mr. William Shands Meacham of Norfolk, Virginia.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

June 15, 1950

Mr. William Shands Meacham
1132 Graydon Avenue
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Bill:

Hi!

That was mighty kind of you to put such a good editorial into the New York Times. We are very grateful indeed.

The survey has had good play. We particularly liked an editorial in the Greenville News to the general effect that, as it was conducted by Greenvillians about Greenvillians, no complaint could be lodged against its critical findings.

I do wish you would pursue further your thought of a general article about the Council. Here is a good one that the Herald Tribune lately carried. We could supply you with any amount of material whenever you are of a mind to take it up.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Encl.
GSM:er

June 15, 1950

Miss Veniette Caswell
1751 N Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Caswell:

I really appreciate the kind dispatch to me of the Agricultural Labor Bulletin of June 1950. It is most informative.

Our congratulations on the new prospect that this problem will be dealt with.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 15, 1950

Mr. Sidney R. Redmond
2103-A Market Street
St. Louis 3, Missouri

Dear Mr. Redmond:

I appreciate your kind letter of June 12 about the Greenville Survey.

Meanwhile, Mr. G. W. Cox has sent me a copy of his letter to you of a few days before.

Our Council has a hard time keeping its head above water. I do greatly hope that you and those associated with you will think it worthy of help. The publication New South is essential to getting our idea out. I am hopeful that you will be interested in making its continuance a reminder to the people who live in the South today of your father's distinguished career.

I would be happy to come to St. Louis or to Jackson for further conversation about the plan at any time that might be agreeable to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 15, 1950

Mr. G. W. Cox
N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Cox:

How very kind that was of you to write again to Mr. Redmond.

Meanwhile, I had sent him a copy of the Greenville Survey and he had replied in a kindly way. I have written him as enclosed.

We are deeply grateful for your generous interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls: Copy letter to Mr. Redmond
Greenville Survey

June 15, 1950

Mr. Benjamin E. Mays
President, Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mays:

Mighty kind of you to exercise yourself so to find us the hundred dollars.

I cherish and am sustained by your friendship.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

June 15, 1950

Mr. Frank L. Stanley, Publisher
The Louisville Defender
418 South Fifth Street
Louisville 1, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Stanley:

I am grateful for your kind letter of June 5 about the up-coming Progress Edition of the Defender.

It so happens that our Research Assistant and our Director of Information got married last week and won't be back from their journeys until after the closing date for the Progress Edition.

Under the circumstances, I hope you will be willing to accept some paragraphs from a Commencement address I made at Tuskegee Institute May 15. Do your own choosing as to paragraphs, of course, but I have marked those which it seems to me will be of widest interest. I have no glossy print, but here is a mat.

It would be well to sho that this was delivered at Tuskegee May 15.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

June 15, 1950

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

We are most grateful for your recent bunch of nice checks. Our many thanks for your efforts and for your own generous contribution.

Sums included in the Texas effort are:

Carter Wesley Houston	$125.00	Wacco Commission	$ 15.00
Most Rev. Robert E. Lucey San Antonio	47.00	Mrs. B. F. Stuart Houston	3.00
Ft. Worth Commission	10.00	Mrs. Eugenia Porter Rayzor Houston	100.00
Mrs. E. Homer Miller Bridgeport	2.00	Mrs. James S. Crate Houston	100.00
Mrs. W. H. Hogue Houston	10.00	Texas Commission	48.00
Mrs. M.F. Fairchild Houston	20.00	Mrs. B. J. Covington Houston	5.00
	W.H. Hogue Houston	$5.00	

Listed among your contributors in the letter which came in this morning, was Mrs. Charles A. Shaw. I cannot find a record of the $10.00 you have noted for her. I have checked her membership record which shows her dues delinquent for 1948, 1949, and in October, she will owe 1950 dues. No contribution is shown. Had her check been accounted for as a contribution, Texas would have made their pledge, and would

have been the first state to do so. Any light you can throw on the contribution of Mrs. Charles A. Shaw will be helpful.

Our Executive Committee met Saturday and seemed more optimistic about our future. Our Finance Committee has a new plan for putting the Council in a better financial situation, and this plan will be put into effect in the Fall.

The payments on the pledges show about one-half of all the sums pledged have been paid to date. They were most pleased with the report from Texas and you people were given high praise.

I am acknowledging the contributions you sent in today. I cannot locate an address for Mrs. M.E. Fairchild. Can you get it for us? That would help.

You have done a wonderful job and all of us appreciate your interest in the Council.

All our gratitude.

Cordially and sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 16, 1950

Mr. Joseph M. Brittain
Post Office Box 131
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Mr. Brittain:

We are sending under separate cover Race and Suffrage in the South since 1940 along with several other articles on Negro suffrage.

In addition, we suggest the following references:

Moon, Henry Lee, Balance of Power: The Negro Vote, Doubleday and Company, Inc., Garden City, New York, 1948.

The Negro Handbook, by Florence Murray, published biennially by Current Books, Inc., New York

The Negro Year Book, Department of Records and Research, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

The Department of Records and Research at Tuskegee Institute may be able to give you additional information.

Georgia Facts and Figures, page 150, contains a map showing the percentage of non-whites among the potential voters of Georgia in 1940. This is published by the University of Georgia Press, Athens, Georgia.

The reference department of your local library should be able to advise you of other sources. The U.S. Census reports are also helpful.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

June 16, 1950

Mrs. Harold C. Fleming
Belmont-Plaza Hotel
New York, New York

Dear Jane:

My congratulations, etc!

I called the Reverend Mr. Kenneth G. Phifer today. For record purposes, his home phone is 5465 and his church phone is 3728.

He met with the Board of Trade duly on June 13. They appointed a subcommittee to "push the matter further." Phifer told me, as I assume he told them, that "our" group in Rock Hill is too small to do the job itself and that he, Phifer, had at the meeting pretty much put it in the lap of the Board of Trade. He explained to them that it would have to be bi-racial to be any good.

He, Phifer, was confident that it would go through. He will meet with the subcommittee early next week.

I told him we wanted to know because we had a honeymooner who would have an opportunity to confer with the NCCJ about getting some money. He said Fine, and he wanted you to come over there and give them some help.

So I think the chances are excellent that it will go through and still better if some money is put up by the NCCJ for it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

AIRMAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

June 16, 1950

Mrs. Henry Havens
2845 Corinthian Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mrs. Havens:

That was kind of you to send me the Proceedings of the conference at Jacksonville April 19.

I have read nearly all of it, and with great interest.

Mr. Matthews' talk on the Ku Klux Klan must have been remarkable. I will take it on myself to supply him with some references as to existing publications that may help him in the work of his committee.

We continue to get praise of the Greenville Survey. The New York Times for Sunday, June 11, had a nice editorial touching on it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 19, 1950

Mr. Clarence Walker
729 Avenue 14 East
Gary, Indiana

Dear Mr. Walker:

I am returning your check of April 29 which you sent for a subscription to our publication, New South. This subscription is now $1.50 per year.

Your check has been returned to us from the bank for lack of sufficient funds. We realize that this is an oversight and that you would wish to have your subscription reach you without delay, so we hasten to notify you.

Your subscription will be entered promptly with your remittance. We shall be glad to supply you with the April-May, and June issues also.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 19, 1950

Mr. Frederick Curtis
1025½ First Avenue
Columbus, Georgia

Dear Mr. Curtis:

Thank you for your letter of June 16 to Mrs. Dawkins.

We are most anxious to clarify your membership record. Our membership secretary has been ill for some time and we have had difficulty in locating your record. Could you enlighten us? If you could give us the following information, it would be of some help.

When did you join the Council and when did you make the last payment of your dues?

We ask you indulgence and cooperation. If these complications have prevented you from receiving our literature regularly, please let me know and I will forward to you the publications needed.

We do appreciate your interest in the Council.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 19, 1950

Mrs. J. W. Mills
2429 Broadway
Beaumont, Texas

Dear Mrs. Mills:

We appreciate so much your cooperation and patience in helping us to clarify your membership record. Our membership secretary has been ill for some time leaving us to untangle the confusion. Your membership is complete through May 1951.

You became a member of the Council May 11, 1944. This means your dues are owed in May. It does not matter when they are paid during the year, but, according to our records, you will be billed in May. If you have paid your dues earlier, please disregard the May notice.

You are a most faithful and valued member of the Council, having signed the Atlanta Statement. I do hope the recent complications have not prevented your receiving our publications regularly. If so, please write me at once and I will send you what is needed.

I enclose a recent editorial which may interest you.

Again, our many thanks for your indulgence.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 19, 1950

Miss Laura K. Martin
Library Science Department
University of Kentucky
Lexington 29, Kentucky

Dear Miss Martin:

Thank you for your recent inquiry about our publications.

Unfortunately our budget will not permit our sending of free material to work conferences such as you describe. We would like very much to be able to do it. I enclose a mimeographed publications list, a yellow leaflet which describes our most popular selections, and an additional leaflet about our community self-surveys.

We could supply you with a few of the yellow leaflets - about twenty, and an unlimited number of the other two. I shall be glad to send whichever you advise.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 20, 1950

Miss Nelle Morton
The Fellowship of Southern Churchmen
P. O. Box 577
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Rt 3, Box 174
Bluff City, Tenn

Dear Nelle:

I lost for a time your letter of May 22, for which I am sorry.

My Research Director and my Director of Information got married the other day and are off to the mountains, and my staff is next to nil. And few of us are able-bodied enough to be of much help on camp building, but I do wish some of us could take part.

We will most eagerly want to use the new facilities when everybody else's hard work has put them up.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 21, 1950

Dr. Will W. Alexander
New Hope Farm, RFD #3
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Will:

Everyone was mighty sorry not to have you at the dinner last night at Tuskegee.

It was a considerable occasion, with a room full of your devoted friends.

Carl Taylor was delegated to carry you a volume of people's praise and good wishes.

I am driving up through North Carolina the end of this month, and will hope to get to your door and find you there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

June 21, 1950

Mr. Nelson Jackson
National Urban League
250 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Nelson:

I went to the largish Rural Life Conference at Tuskegee the other day. Many of the Negroes there had driven from considerable distances, and from two or three I had dismal tales of discriminations and insults at filling stations which they stopped at along the way.

This is an old story, but I thought maybe it was time to make some concerted push on this. Atlanta probably contains regional offices for a good many of the chains, and something might be done.

Would it be a good plan for you and me to work together?

I found in my inquiries that independent stations generally had a bad name for courtesy, but, when it came to the chains, experience varied greatly. Some people swore by Sinclair, some people swore by Esso, and others swore at both.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 21, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
Lewisetta, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I talked by phone with Fleming in New York and heard also from him of the probability of the Rock Hill money coming through. As I understand the technicality, it is this. Among the customary contributors to the NCCJ is a Mr. Lowenstein, who has big textile interests in the Rock Hill vicinity. If Mr. Lowenstein's contribution can be steered by the NCCJ into the direct local support of the Rock Hill survey, 'twill be. But if it cannot be, then the NCCJ will itself put up the five hundred. That's all perfectly satisfactory. And we are of course just delighted that you found that new resource.

I saw Leonard Haas today, and he and I are to get together and prepare the letter you wish to send to the NCCJ asking for a goodly sum to the Council.

The staff here provided the Flemings with a handsomish reading lamp as a wedding gift. Done before they left.

No news as yet from TWUA.

I tried to call on Straus last week, but reached his vicinity at a time when his secretary told me the death just a day or two before of a baby granddaughter made it ungracious for me to reach him. I will keep trying.

We will be looking for word from Cardinal Stritch. His check will buoy us a lot.

I am driving toward Washington the end of this month and may get to see you at Lewisetta.

Many thanks.

Sincerely,

GSM:er

George S. Mitchell

June 21, 1950

Dr. Mozell Hill
Phylon
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mozell:

Here are some of the leaflets about the "50 for '51" campaign. I send separately some return envelopes for the new members.

The leaflet makes it quite clear.

We will be deeply grateful for what you can do. Will you let me know whom else we can count on to take this responsibility?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

June 21, 1950

Mr. J. H. Daves
TVA
404 Commercial National Bank Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Daves:

Here are three or four leaflets about the "50 for '51" campaign. I send also a dozen returnable envelopes. More if you should need them.

We will be deeply grateful for your effort to find us ten such new members.

And if you can think of anyone else in Knoxville whom we should ask to take on such responsibility, please let us know.

This is the healthiest way to live, though it means asking your friends to take a lot of trouble.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

June 21, 1950

Mr. George W. Snowden
State Department of Labor
P. O. Box 4094
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Snowden:

One of the nicest things about my job is the grand people who pay up their dues. We thank you a lot.

I send an extra copy of the Greenville Survey. Some more of these ought to be made in other places. Shreveport is doing one. Maybe you can help us get some more going.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

June 21, 1950

Mr. Ernest E. Neal
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Neal:

That was a very useful meeting, from which many things will flow for a long time to come. You were most wise to plan it and put it through so well.

My warm regards to you and Mrs. Neal, whom it was a great pleasure to meet.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

June 21, 1950

President F. D. Patterson
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Dr. Patterson:

My most cordial appreciation for the interesting and delightful three days at Tuskegee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

June 21, 1950

Mr. Lewis C. Jones
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Lewis:

It was a fine meeting in every way and will do a world of good for a long time to come.

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

June 22, 1950

Mr. Theodore Waller, Exec. Dir.
National Book Committee
American Book Publishers Council
62 West 47th Street
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Waller:

Many thanks for your letter. I don't know when I can get all the way to New York, but I will come to see you when I do.

The organization you wish is the Board of Control for Regional Education. Its director is John E. Ivey and its address is 316 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta. You will find its work carefully appraised in one of the March or April issues of The Reporter.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 22, 1950

Mrs. M. E. Fairchild
1114 St. Emanuel Street
Houston 3, Texas

Dear Mrs. Fairchild:

We are most grateful for your contribution of twenty dollars to the Southern Regional Council which was sent in by Mrs. James S. Crate of Houston.

Please accept our apologies for a delay in acknowledging your kindness. We had to write Mrs. Crate for your address.

We should like very much to enter you as a member of the Council. Dues are three dollars a year, and your membership entitles you to attend the annual meeting in the Fall and vote. In addition, you will receive all our publications issued throughout the year. If you would, like a membership, I will be glad to enter one for you.

I enclose a recent editorial about the Council.

Our kindest regards and our many thanks for your interest.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

June 22, 1950

Mr. H. G. Ogden
123½ Cedar Crest
Auburn, Alabama

Dear Mr. Ogden:

We are sincerely grateful for your fine contribution and especially for your generous praise of the Council.

We regret that you have not become a member sooner and have entered your membership at $3.00 per year and $17.00 contribution. No recommendation is necessary. We are happy to have you join us.

I enclose a recent editorial about the Council.

Your membership entitles you to receive all the Council's literature and to attend and vote at the annual meetings each Fall. I send under separate cover our most recent publication, Greenville's Big Idea, which describes an interesting community self-survey done by the citizens of Greenville, South Carolina.

Our many thanks for your interest.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 22, 1950

Mr. Holman Head
Veterans Administration Hospital
Montgomery 10, Alabama

Dear Mr. Head:

Perhaps the most rewarding source I can steer you to would be the weekly newspaper of the Knights of Labor, which I rather think was called the Journal of Labor. The best file of it I know of is in the Johns Hopkins University library at Baltimore, but you may find it nearer to you. Remember that the present Powderly suburb of Birmingham was named for Terence Powderly. The newspaper carried numbers of short letters from local chapters, or whatever they were, of the Knights, and I found them a rich resource. There were many Southern letters.

There was some activity of the old National Textile Workers Union in about 1898-99-1900. A man named Prince Green, of Phenix City -- save the mark! -- was its president. I believe that some of his family still live in Phenix City.

The Mine Workers Union ought to have some convention proceedings that would refer, at least, to the efforts to organize the Alabama miners. And you had better look at the Proceedings of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers for early references to Alabama. My understanding is that their first real activity in the Birmingham area came with the employment of some rollers from Pennsylvania -- around 1912 -- who were members of the Amalgamated. Bill Crawford here in Atlanta, who is now District Representative for the Steel Workers CIO would know that history, as he was one of those rollers himself.

I suppose you would find quite a lot of activity very early in the building trades in Mobile and perhaps some in Montgomery!

It would be interesting if, in tracing out the early life of the building trades unions, you could give facts about the shift of

the building trades in Alabama cities from a largely Negro composition to a mainly white composition.

The Johns Hopkins library again has the best collection of the union convention Proceedings and union journals that I know.

Do be kind enough to send me whatever you write.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 22, 1950

Honorable Brooks Hays
Member of Congress
Washington, D. C.

Dear Brooks:

How nice of you to write me about Mr. Waller. I will take the earliest opportunity to see him.

I will be in Washington the end of this month. If Congress is still in session, I will come to your office.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 22, 1950

Mr. I. G. Cummings
Colonial Office
15, Victoria Street
London, S.W.1, England

Dear Mr. Cummings:

Many thanks for your note of June 14.

We will be most happy to send New South to you at Doughty Street. Somewhere along there is Dickens' house.

Herewith a recent survey of Greenville. This is the town that had the lynching three years ago.

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

June 22, 1950

Mr. Henry Hauser
112 Daniels Road
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Hauser:

We will be delighted to help you in any way we can in a thesis on the Council.

Here is a complete list of currently available publications. There are some back things in addition, copies of which are in the files only.

I am to be at a resource-use education meeting at the North Carolina College for Negroes at Durham July 6 and 7, in the custody of Mr. Theodore R. Speigner. So that makes July 5-9 a poor period for you to be working here.

Week ends are all right. You can work in the office all day Saturdays, and I guess I could make some arrangements for you to get in on Sundays. Practically any week end is all right. So far as I know, I will be around most of them in July.

If you care to write me as to the sort of materials you will need, maybe I could bring you up a batch of stuff when I come to Durham.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 22, 1950

President F. D. Patterson
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Dr. Patterson:

When I came to a paste-up job for the June issue of New South, I found I could not run the whole of the Tuskegee Commencement address without incurring the expense of eight more full pages in the magazine. We wanted most earnestly to carry in full the three Supreme Court decisions. We did that; but it meant cutting the Tuskegee speech to a few paragraphs. At least, I got the printer to save a few galleys, one of which I send you for your convenience.

Any use of the talk that is helpful to you, you are most welcome to, as you know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

June 22, 1950

Mr. N. C. Newbold
Department of Public Instruction
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Newbold:

My own and the Council's warm admiration for all your long years of wise and devoted service to things that are right.

For a career of courage, you will abound always in friends.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 22, 1950

Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Grace:

We still remember that we are to type up for you a copy of the speech called Appraisal made April 22 at the Board meeting.

Meanwhile, here is a galley of the Tuskegee commencement speech of May 15. For reasons of space I could run only parts of it in the forthcoming June New South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er
Encl.

June 22, 1950

Mr. Paul Williams
Lewisetta, Virginia

Dear Paul:

Here is the Tuskegee speech I made. We had it set up in type for June New South, but for reasons of space we could run only snippets of it. I thought you might be willing to read through the whole thing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er
Encl.

June 22, 1950

Mr. J.M. Dabbs
Route 1
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Thank you again for the additional checks. I have delayed acknowledgement because of short illness. We find that Mrs. Dubois owed dues for two years so that $6.00 was credited to her membership.

The sums I have been quoting to you as having been paid by the South Carolina effort have not included the dues we owe your Division. I am happy to do this with your authorization. The amounts we owe the South Carolina Division are:

January	$ 7.50
February	11.00
March	20.50
April	—
May	62.50
June, to date	49.50
	$151.00

As I understand, you would like to give us this whole sum of $151.00. Am I correct? It is most generous of you, if this is your intention.

Your contributions to date total $1,048.88, added to that your Division dues, $151.00 makes the total sum contributed by you good people $1,199.88. I enclose the list of donors up-to-date.

Again, all our gratitude.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

June 23, 1950

Mrs. Louise B. Trigg
John A. Andrew Memorial Hospital
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Trigg:

I enjoyed your company at Tuskegee.

Could you add to all the other things you do the responsibility of being one of the fifty Alabamians here described?

It's a good deal of work, but you would have five months to do it in.

In hopes that you can, I send you the things you will need -- envelopes and literature and so on.

What say?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

June 23, 1950

Mr. Carl Weigman
Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Weigman:

I should think it would be worth your while to become a member of the Southern Regional Council. We would love to have you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

June 23, 1950

Mrs. A. L. Holt
Rt. 4, Box 315
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Holt:

Here is the Jacksonville Survey and the Greenville one. We don't know of an Atlanta Survey. We understand one is being made at Shreveport, Louisiana, and one is about to start at Rock Hill, South Carolina.

The two pamphlets come to a total of 40¢. Could you send us stamps or dimes? We will be grateful if you could.

We do hope you can influence some town or city to go ahead with a survey.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

June 23, 1950

Mr. Ross Groshong
TWUA-CIO
75 Ivy Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ross:

I talked yesterday with Mrs. John Mott by phone. A meeting of the ILGWU Board occurred just recently, and another is not expected until September or October. She promised to let me know a month ahead. Meanwhile I will take other steps to find out when the Board meets.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

CC: Boris Scherbak

CC: John Ewbank

June 23, 1950

Mr. Ulysses Bond
Madison, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Bond:

I would like to interest you in the work of the Southern Regional Council, which is described in the enclosed two items.

We have a newly established Arkansas Division, which we hope will become active in furthering interracial cooperation in your State.

I enjoyed the opportunity to share the meetings at Tuskegee with you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.: 2

June 23, 1950

Dr. A. C. Miller
303 Baptist Building
Dallas, Texas

Dear Dr. Miller:

Thank you for your recent letter. It was a pleasure to hear from you and I appreciate this opportunity to clarify our records.

As you suggested, the gift sent by you from the Southern Baptist Convention was credited to another area of contribution. We are happy to bring your membership up-to-date, however. A change of membership secretaries and other personnel has left us with many details unexplained. You should not pay dues for many years to come, and if by some mistake you should happened to be billed, please ignore it.

I hope the difficulty has not caused delay in your receiving our publications. If this is the case, I would appreciate notification from you.

We are indeed grateful for your interest in the Council and appreciate your efforts to obtain the contribution from the Southern Baptist Convention.

I enclose a recent editorial about the Council which you may find interesting.

Our kindest regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

June 23, 1950

Mrs. Thomasina Norford
Minority Groups Consultant
Bureau of Employment Security
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: EMC

Dear Mrs. Norford:

Many thanks for your letter. I have written Mr. Loggins as within.

I sent you separately today another copy of the Survey.

Mr. Snowden wrote me the other day from Baton Rouge that your visit there was very useful.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

CC: Mrs. Thomasina Norford

June 23, 1950

Mr. W. F. Loggins, President
Community Council of Greenville County
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Loggins:

Friends of mine have expressed interest in and approval of the finding on page 23 of Everybody's Business that the South Carolina State Employment Service employs no Negro interviewers and the recommendation on page 24 that it employ such interviewers.

I suggest that you would do a good service if you would be kind enough to send a copy of the pamphlet to the South Carolina Employment Security Commission, Post Office Box 995, Columbia.

At some stage it would doubtless be helpful if your group could arrange a conference with the South Carolina ESC.

We all continue to glow with pride in the work that Greenville did. There now seems good prospect that Rock Hill will follow suit. Shreveport, Louisiana, is doing a rather similar job.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 23, 1950

Mrs. H. J. E. Dubose
Alcorn A & M College
Alcorn, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Dubose:

I enjoyed the opportunity to be with you in the last few days at Tuskegee.

Here is some information about our Council. Perhaps we could get you to join?

If you will let me know when it will be suitable for me to come over to Alcorn, I will be glad to. I would be in hopes that we could recruit a number of new members during the course of such a visit.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

June 23, 1950

Mr. Ocie Lee Smith
Assistant to the State Administrator
Farmers Home Administration
1500 Bishop Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Ocie Lee:

I was very glad for the opportunity to be with you at Tuskegee.

Mighty kind of you to take on the job of finding us ten new members. Here are some more of the folders and a flock of envelopes for the good people to send their memberships back in. Plus some more pamphlets about the Council. Do you and Mr. Hicks and the others get your shoulders under the new Arkansas Division of the Council and make it do things.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

June 23, 1950

Mr. Arthur Raper
Bureau of Agricultural Economics
U. S. Department of Agriculture
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Arthur:

Please read this little green leaflet. It is our main hope for coming through.

Will you take on being one of these fifty people for Virginia?

I feel so sure you can and will that I send separately a dozen of the return envelopes and some more literature that you could use in scaring us up the ten new Sustainers.

The main thing I got out of the Tuskegee meeting was your final speech with the conclusion that we really had a New South coming this time and that ideas could change because the old ones had lost their (wicked) function.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

~~Copy to GSE~~

June 23, 1950

Mrs. A. L. Holt
Rt. 4, Box 315
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Holt:

Here is the Jacksonville Survey and the Greenville one. We don't know of an Atlanta Survey. We understand one is being made at Shreveport, Louisiana, and one is about to start at Rock Hill, South Carolina.

The two pamphlets come to a total of 40¢. Could you send us stamps or dimes? We will be grateful if you could.

We do hope you can influence some town or city to go ahead with a survey.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

June 23, 1950

Mr. J. M. Tydings
Lincoln Institute
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Tydings:

At the meeting of the Executive Committee on June 10, the enclosed report was made as to the status of the State efforts.

The Committee felt confident that Kentucky could and would get into the Council the amount not yet received in that State.

I know it is a strain, but I do hope you and the others can find for us that much more.

We are making similar requests of the other States which fell short of their goals.

We are all exceedingly grateful for every penny that has been received. The budget of the Council, as you know, is mighty slim, and our very life will depend upon completion of these State efforts.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. As of June 30, Kentucky's total stands at $265.50

GSM:er

June 23, 1950

Mrs. Irving Cohn
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

At the meeting of the Executive Committee on June 10, the enclosed report was made as to the status of State efforts.

The Committee felt confident that Louisiana could and would get into the Council the amount not yet received in that State.

I know it is a strain, but I do hope you and the others can find for us that much more.

We are making similar requests of the other States which fell short of their goals.

We are all exceedingly grateful for every penny that has been received. The budget of the Council, as you know, is mighty slim, and our very life will depend upon completion of these State efforts.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. As of June 30, Louisiana's total stands at $469.00.

GSM:er
Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

June 26, 1950

Mrs. Tom Roberts
Extension Building
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Roberts:

You were kind to afford me the other evening such friendly conversation about Mr. Roberts.

It was a real pleasure to meet you and to meet your daughter.

I hope you will count me a friend of the Roberts family for good and all.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GMS:er

MEMORANDUM

June 26, 1950

TO: GSM

Willis Sutton Sr. says he could get me to see Wallace who owns Readers Digest.

June 26, 1950

Mr. E. Taylor Morris
Irvington House
Irvington-on-Hudson, New York

Dear Mr. Morris:

Mrs. N. P. Christy of New York City has requested that we send you information about the Southern Regional Council.

We are happy to do this and hope that you will join our membership.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 26, 1950

Mrs. Vairin Westfeldt
7007 Prytania Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Westfeldt:

Mrs. N. P. Christy of New York City has requested that we send you information about the Southern Regional Council.

We are happy to do this and hope that you will join our membership.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 26, 1950

Mrs. Aphra V. Morris
1584 Jefferson Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Morris:

Mrs. N. P. Christy of New York City has requested that we send you information about the Southern Regional Council.

We are happy to do this and hope that you will send us your membership.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 26, 1950

Mr. Philip G. Hammer
3592 Roxboro Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Phil:

That was just mighty nice of you to give your whole blessed Sunday morning to hauling around visitors.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

June 26, 1950

Mr. Robert A. Thompson
Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bob:

We would all have been grateful indeed for your kind willingness to spend yesterday morning taking the visitors over the city. We are extremely grateful for your undergoing the morning of work that I am sure you did in trying to catch up with the group.

You deserve several promotional steps in the Order of Good Eggs.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 26, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
Lewisetta, Virginia

Dear Paul:

We got grapevine word on Thursday last that the Textile Workers Union Board had approved $500 for us and that we might expect it by check soon.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

June 26, 1950

The Pamphlet Index
119 West 23rd Street
New York 11, New York

Gentlemen:

Here is the most recent publication of the Southern Regional Council, sent in response to your postcard of June 14, for the July-September, 1950, issue.

As a summary we suggest:

"A voluntary committee of white and Negro citizens of Greenville, South Carolina, surveys the Negro community in that city. What they found and what they urged."

The title is Greenville's Big Idea. The price is twenty cents.

Sample herewith.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

June 26, 1950

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Leonard:

The Executive Committee at its March meeting requested that a form of bequest to the Council be drafted.

If you will be so kind as to provide me with suitable language, I will request the decision of the September meeting as to proper use to make of the clause.

Sincerely and appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

CC: Mrs. Henry Havens

June 26, 1950

Rev. Mr. G. R. Madson
Rector of St. Paul's
212 North Jefferson
Albany, Georgia

Dear Mr. Madson:

The Council is very grateful indeed for the kind notice carried in the June 16 issue of the Albany Episcopalian.

We cherish our link with the Episcopal Church and are most anxious to be of service to its members.

I commend to you this new pamphlet on the results of a Self-Survey done by a volunteer committee of white and Negro citizens at Greenville, South Carolina. Mrs. Havens, at Jacksonville, was influential in getting the survey undertaken, and the chairman of the committee, Mrs. C. C. Withington, is an active Churchwoman. We are most hopeful that many other places will make use of this pattern. Greenville has been delighted with the whole enterprise.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

June 26, 1950

Mr. L. D. Milton
Citizens Trust Company
212 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Milton:

I want to ask your great kindness in writing on the Council's behalf to a Nashville businessman who might care to help the Council substantially.

I dare say you are acquainted with Mr. Alfred Starr, whose address is Bijou Theatre, Nashville, Tennessee. He owns a chain of theaters located in Negro communities.

He is a fine, cultivated, and sensitive man, and he and the Council have a good many friends in common. I had a brief visit with him at his office some months ago. He said at that time that he would make us a token contribution shortly, but that he was not one who much believed in organizations and generally gave his help to things that weren't organized at all. (I think that means a specific art exhibit, for instance, or a particular service in a hospital, or something of that sort.) Nevertheless, he said he would in the next several months consider carefully what he might learn of the Council's needs and usefulness, with a possible view toward a substantial contribution later on. Shortly he was so kind as to send the Council fifty dollars.

It has been suggested to me that if Mr. Starr were convinced that the Council merited the good will of people with a business interest, the likelihood would be considerable that he would help us.

I should think that Mr. Starr might possibly give us a thousand or two thousand dollars.

Upon advice, I am requesting you to write Mr. Starr with your appraisal of the place of the Council in Southern progress.

If you will be so kind as to do that, we will all be extraordinarily grateful.

Sincerely,

GSM:er

George S. Mitchell

June 26, 1950

Mr. William K. McPherson
Assistant to the Director
Division of Regional Studies
Tennessee Valley Authority
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. McPherson:

Could we persuade you to become a member of the Southern Regional Council?

Mr. Daves knows us very well.

Here are things about the Council, and a blank to fill out if you would.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

June 26, 1950

Mr. L. A. Potts, Dean
School of Agriculture
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Potts:

I am remembering your promise to pay up your dues. We need your help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

P.S. The membership secretary tells me what you owe is $9.00.

June 26, 1950

Mr. Arthur W. True
Research Coordinator
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. True:

Maybe some of the Council's publications would be of help to you. Possibly also you would wish to join the Council. We would like to have you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

CC: Norma Huff

June 26, 1950

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Avenue
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

I want to add my thanks to Mrs. Huff's for your great kindness in writing to Texas people and asking for help to the Council.

My affectionate and admiring appreciation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

June 26, 1950

Mrs. Lucius R. Eastman
121 Mamaroneck Road
Scarsdale, New York

Dear Mrs. Eastman:

I hesitate to notify you that your Council dues for 1950 are now due. You have been such a fine member of our organization and have contributed so generously for many years that it seems an imposition to bill you for membership.

However, the Council still has great need for finances. Our membership here in the South are helping now more than ever to give us support and encouragement, but we have had a real struggle since our foundation support became exhausted.

I enclose a recent editorial which you may find interesting.

We are most sincerely appreciative of your faithful and continued interest in our work.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 26, 1950

Dr. A.D. Beittel
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Dr. Beittel:

Thank you for your recent letter with enclosed contributions. We have made all the acknowledgements.

Unfortunately Bishop Green, of Birmingham, who sent $10.00 owed membership dues for several years, so all of his check went for dues.

If my records are correct, Alabama is credited with having paid $243.00 on its pledge.

Texas and South Carolina are very near to completing their pledges. Georgia is also doing very well. The summer is quiet and many states are involved in political races, but it is hoped that Fall will bring renewed activity in the pledge efforts.

I enclose a reprint of our promotion pamphlet. It has a few minor changes. We can send you some if you can use them.

Our kind regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 26, 1950

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

Thank you for the new members. We are most happy to have them, along with your own renewal of membership.

That is an excellent letter to Commission and S.R.C. people in Texas, and I am glad to have a copy for our files. If all the heads of state divisions and affiliated committees would do as well, the Council would be well off and the South a better place.

I enclose a reprint of our promotion leaflet.

More of our gratitude and regards from all.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 27, 1950

Mr. Richard P. Daniel
1100 Florida National Bank Building
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Daniel:

We have heard nothing from Mr. Alsop. Any progress with him?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

June 27, 1950

Rev. Kenneth G. Phifer
Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Phifer:

I have had word by phone that the appropriate committee of the National Conference of Christians and Jews at its meeting in New York recently undertook to find or provide $500 toward the Rock Hill Self-Survey.

So that is assured.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Dict. 6/22/50

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

June 27, 1950

Mrs. Fred W. Bernstein
1534 Nashville Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Bernstein:

I was delighted to find your name among those who had newly joined the Council and become active in the New Orleans Council on Race Relations.

My most affectionate regards to you both. Next time I get to New Orleans, I will greatly hope I can catch you there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Mr. Mitchell's absence

June 27, 1950

Mrs. Beth D. Ownby
106 East Jackson
Pasadena, Texas

Dear Mrs. Ownby:

Thank you for your order of June 24.

We regret that we cannot furnish you with "The Manual for the Home Town Self-Survey". It is in the process of being revised and printed.

"By the People" and "Greenville's Big Idea" are booklets about community self-surveys. The first done by the people of Jacksonville, Florida, and the second by the people of Greenville, South Carolina. Both publications are now available and sell for 20¢ per copy. We should be glad to fill your order for these promptly.

Please find your check enclosed. We will notify you when "The Manual" is available.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 28, 1950

Mrs. Helen Cohn
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

I am proud of the report

on activities.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM;er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

June 28,,1950

Mr. G. W. Cox
North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Cox:

Your most interesting letter of June 15 crossed in the mails mine to you.

I am delighted that Mr. Redmond is actively considering our proposal.

As you know, I have written him and asked whether it would be convenient for me to come to see him sometime. If he agrees, I will go and talk the whole matter over with him further.

We continue to be grateful for your kind interest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

June 28, 1950

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mays:

We were most happy to receive your generous check this morning. It will go a long way toward helping us.

We are grateful for your continued interest and support.

I enclose a recent editorial about the Council which may interest you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

Same letter (except for postscript) sent to:

All heads of divisions & affiliated committees. (States omitted, therefore, Georgia, Texas, Virginia)

Enclosures: 3 50 for '51 leaflets
5 return envelopes
5 What Kind of South Do You Want
5 Herald Tribune stories

June 29, 1950

Mr. A. D. Beittel, President
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Mr. Beittel:

At the meeting on June 10 of the Executive Committee, the enclosed plan for a "50 for '51" campaign, State by State, was adopted. It was worked out by the Finance Committee -- Glenn Rainey, Rufus Clement, John Griffin.

We hope that early this summer a special group in each State can meet to consider how to find fifty such persons in the State.

This is advance notice to you in order that you may be thinking about it.

The campaign, properly carried through, would put a sound and lasting base under the Council, and we could stop this dismal business of dredging you and your friends every now and then for desperate help.

The matter of equitable return to the Division treasuries of part of the receipts from ten-dollar memberships has still to be considered by the Finance Committee. I suppose they will want to meet the wishes of the State Divisions. My own recommendation is $7.00 here, $3.00 to the State Division. If you count in the printing and mailing of New South and clerical services on collection of dues, it would make about a fifty-fifty split.

We have printed (misprint and all) a plentiful supply of return envelopes and of a new edition of What Kind of South Do You Want? Copies of the Herald Tribune story are also available.

I am not now asking that you push this campaign at the moment, but merely that you begin to plan how it can best be done in Alabama.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P. S. I got word from someone that Rabbi Mantinband was particularly anxious to be of help, and I have jumped the gun on him and written him directly and asked him to start out on his ten members. Hope that is all right.

GSM:er
Encls.

June 29, 1950

Mr. William Pollock, General Secretary-Treasurer
Textile Workers Union of America
99 University Place
New York 3, New York

Dear Mr. Pollock:

We wish to express our thanks and sincere appreciation to the Textile Workers Union of America for its generous contribution to the Southern Regional Council.

Your gift will help greatly to advance this most important program in the South.

With the thought that you might be interested in a recent editorial about the Council, I enclose a reprint.

We are deeply grateful for your interest.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

CC: J. M. Dabbs

June 29, 1950

Mrs. Maude Massey Rogers
1400 Gervais Street
Columbia 1, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Rogers:

I am deeply grateful for your kindness in sending the various items. The fact that I have only after two weeks or so found opportunity to read them fully is no measure of my appreciation.

I went through the new Act pretty carefully, though I did not read its every last sentence. There are portions of it which anyone would regret, but they seem to me quite minor in comparison with the tremendous gain in throwing away the old antiquated devices -- or lack of them.

Is not the passage of the Act of such importance that some early gathering of those concerned with progress in the State should publicly praise the Governor and the legislature for putting it on the books? I suppose there must have been personalities and regrets, but (though I am this far away) it seems to me that a great achievement should be recognized. So often we who push the good things fail to give meet credit when good things are done.

So nice to see that with the swimming pool, credit was duly given.

It is immensely encouraging to see these new proofs that the South knows how to be fair and is using its knowledge more and more.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

June 29, 1950

Mr. W. K. McPherson
Assistant to the Director
Division of Regional Studies
Tennessee Valley Authority
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. McPherson:

That was most kind indeed of you faithfully to send the Inventory of Assets of Western North Carolina. I have examined it with a great deal of care and profited both from its facts and from the recollections it brought of the many cool green places in those mountains that I have been to.

I have long had a notion that the Southern Appalachian mountains taken as a whole have a special governmental problem because the area is made up of the back yards of seven Southern States. The obvious answer to that problem is informal association of all the back yard dwellers into something big enough to find its own facts and make up its own mind. Then a program helpful to the mountains as a whole could obtain whatever validating legislation might be required from Richmond and Raleigh and Columbia and Atlanta and so on. The bulletin you have sent me fits neatly into that pattern. I hope some day to go to an all mountainy convention which will be armed with just such facts and will plan a program for the whole area.

And of course TVA is leading the way toward progress of this kind.

I gladly send some more things about the Greenville Survey. If you can interest other towns, we are most anxious to do so.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

June 29, 1950

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
206 North Wood Avenue
Florence, Alabama

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

I recall that you are our sincere friend and turn to you for help with a special job.

You will see from the green printed leaflet that our Finance Committee has planned a way to put a good solid base under the Council.

It is a simple way, but it will take some trouble.

Would you be willing to take on the obligation to be one of the fifty such persons in Alabama? If so, you would have several months to work on it, and notwithstanding your efforts before, I should think you could still find ten people who would generously become Sustaining Members.

We think it more important than ever for the South to show its honest and statesmanlike side.

In the hope that you can undertake this job, I send you suitable return envelopes and some literature that would be helpful.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

June 29, 1950

AIRMAIL-SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. Paul D. Williams
Lewisetta, Virginia

Dear Mr. Williams:

Since we wrote you, the proposed Rock Hill grant from the NCCJ has been further complicated. Enclosed are copies of two letters from Mrs. Duffy which were waiting for us when we got back to the office yesterday. As you will see, the one simple condition laid down by their Executive Committee has been expanded.

We talked to Dr. Mitchell by long distance a few minutes ago, and he said that the $500 was not worth the time, energy, and expense of fulfilling all their conditions. Added to that is the fact that the community of Rock Hill needs a lot of nursing along and is likely to be permanently scared off by much local fund-raising by the Council. In any case, Dr. Mitchell said that he expected to see you on Saturday, at which time you two can discuss the whole matter.

We do not feel like answering Mrs. Duffy without your advice. Perhaps you will think it better for you yourself to write her. Or perhaps you and Dr. Mitchell will want to work out a letter to be signed by him. Meanwhile, we will defer any action until Monday when Dr. Mitchell returns.

Sorry that what seemed to be such a promising and pleasant transaction has bogged down so badly. Certainly these later developments are far from the letter and, we think, the spirit of their Executive Committee resolution which was passed in our presence.

Sincerely,

Jane Fleming

P. S. As we wrote you from New York, the sense of the resolution was this: that the Commission on Community Organizations would give $500 to the Southern Regional Council for the Rock Hill survey, provided that Mr. Leon Lowenstein did not respond favorably to a request for the sum. Mrs. Duffy later telephoned us to say that the approach to Mr. Lowenstein would be made by Mr. Goldsmith, the NCCJ's fund-raiser.

June 30, 1950

Dr. James W. Sells
432 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Sells:

I wanted you to see this. We are sending it out to all our members.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encl.: Rural Non-Farm Housing

June 30, 1950

Miss Margaret McCulloch
858 Whitford Place
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Miss McCulloch:

Until a few years ago one of the more distinguished and successful Negroes in the South was Mr. Sidney Redmond, Sr., of Jackson, Mississippi. Upon his death, quite a substantial sum was left in trust with his son, Sidney Redmond, Jr., of Jackson and St. Louis, a lawyer.

We have been trying to persuade Mr. Sidney Redmond, Jr. to use several thousand dollars a year of the estate's income to cover the publication costs of New South, which would thereupon become a periodic memorial to Mr. Sidney Redmond, Sr.

We got one of Mr. Redmond, Sr.'s older friends in Durham, Mr. G. W. Cox of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, to visit with young Mr. Redmond and propose this idea.

I learned later from friends here in Atlanta that Dr. Walker, of the Universal Life Insurance Company of Memphis, would be influential with Mr. Redmond in a matter of this kind.

It is a good deal to ask, but I thought that on some occasion you could pay Dr. Walker a visit and tell him about the Council and ask for his friendly interest with Mr. Redmond on this proposal.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

June 30, 1950

Mrs. M. J. Lyells
1116 Montgomery Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

I do hope this letter reaches you before you leave for Europe. We do envy you.

Many thanks for those nice memberships. Several of the people are new members and we will have to have their addresses. They are: Mr, Ed Wheatley, Reverend W. S. Woody, Reverend C.P. Seater, Reverend D. T. Montgomery.

If you do not have time to check them before you leave, please forward this letter on to Reverend Schaeffer.

We appreciate your cooperation and send wishes for a bon voyage.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

June 30, 1950

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

As you will have already seen from the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting, the Committee fixed September 9 as the date for its September meeting. September 16 was regarded as a possible but less desirable alternate.

I know this is a mighty busy time of year for you, but we are much in need of your presence at that meeting. Will you let me know what you can do?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

June 30, 1950

Mr. A. D. Beittel, President
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Mr. Beittel:

At the meeting of the Executive Committee on June 10, the enclosed report was made as to the status of State efforts.

The Committee felt confident that Alabama could and would get into the Council the $300 more or less not yet received in that State.

I know it is a strain, but I do hope you and the others can find for us that much more.

We are making similar requests of the other States which fell short of their goals.

We are all exceedingly grateful for every penny that has been received. The budget of the Council, as you know, is mighty slim, and our very life will depend upon completion of these State efforts.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director.

P.S. As of June 30, Alabama's total stands at $256.

June 30, 1950

Rev. H. Brent Schaeffer
1525 Robinson Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Schaeffer:

At the meeting of the Executive Committee on June 10, the enclosed report was made as to the status of State efforts.

The Committee felt confident that Mississippi could and would get into the Council the amount not yet received in that State.

I know it is a strain, but I do hope you and the others can find for us that much more.

We are making similar requests of the other States which fell short of their goals.

We are all exceedingly grateful for every penny that has been received. The budget of the Council, as you know, is mighty slim, and our very life will depend upon completion of these State efforts.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. As of June 30, Mississippi's total stands at $250.00.

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

June 30, 1950

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Route 1
Hayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Here is the report as made June 10 to the Executive Committee on State efforts. South Carolina as of June 30 stands at $1,206.88.

The whole Committee was suffused with admiration of the way South Carolina had gone about this job. We are deeply grateful to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

June 30, 1950

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Dept. of Sociology
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Guy:

At the meeting of the Executive Committee on June 10, the enclosed report was made as to the status of State efforts.

The Committee felt confident that North Carolina could and would get into the Council the amount not yet received in that State.

I know it is a strain, but I do hope you and the others can find for us that much more.

We are making similar requests of the other States which fell short of their goals.

We are all exceedingly grateful for every penny that has been received. The budget of the Council, as you know, is mighty slim, and our very life will depend upon completion of these State efforts.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. As of June 30, North Carolina's total stands at $208.00.

GSM:er/Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

June 30, 1950

Mr. Alfred Mynders
The Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mynders:

Here is the report given to the Executive Committee June 10 on the status of State fund-raising efforts.

Tennessee came temptingly close to meeting its total. Though it is a strain, we still hope it will be possible for our friends in Tennessee to reach up to the full $1,000. We count on approximately $4,500 yet to come from these state efforts and shall need in that, whatever Tennessee can do toward meeting the full thousand.

We are full of admiration of the really great effort that was made by you and others in Tennessee. It is a joy to deal with people who work so faithfully.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. Latest reports give the total sum in from Tennessee as $828.00.

GSM:er
Encl./Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

June 30, 1950

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

Here is the report on State efforts as given at the Executive Committee meeting June 10.

Since then we have received from you your heartwarming letter with its check bringing the total amount up to $490, and today's check from the Commission, making a grand total of $495. For some minor item of dues, Texas is still short of its full $500, but practically speaking, it is the first State to fully meet its pledge.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

June 30, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

At the meeting of the Executive Committee on June 10, the enclosed report was made as to the status of State efforts.

The Committee felt confident that ~~North Carolina~~ Virginia could and would get into the Council the amount not yet received in that State.

I know it is a strain, but I do hope you and the others can find for us that much more.

We are making similar requests of the other States which fell short of their goals.

We are all exceedingly grateful for every penny that has been received. The budget of the Council, as you know, is mighty slim, and our very life will depend upon completion of these State efforts.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. As of June 30, Virginia's total stands at $432.00.

GSM:er
Encl./Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

MEMORANDUM

June, 1950

To: GSM

Leonard Haas suggested that Morris Abram's wife's father is an important lawyer in Florida and should be put on the Advisory Board.

GSM

July 3, 1950

Mrs. Ellen O'Gorman Duffy
Three Hills
Warm Springs, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Duffy:

I am back from a trip to Washington (during which I had opportunity to confer with Paul Williams) and can write you about the Rock Hill survey, recalling your kind letters of June 23 and June 26 about it. We were all delighted with the action of your Commission in undertaking $500 for the Rock Hill survey with the condition about the contact to be made by the NCCJ with Mr. Lowenstein. I sent word to the Rev. Mr. Phifer, Chairman of the Rock Hill Chapter of the Southern Regional Council, that the appropriation was virtually assured.

It has been touch and go in Rock Hill whether a survey should be made. Finally, the matter came up to the Board of Trade, which gave it a general approval and named a subcommittee to work with the Rev. Mr. Phifer in selecting the steering committee of citizens which would put through the survey. I believe the Board of Trade expressed a wish that the survey be inclusive -- that is, not confined to the Negro community, and with that we are of course in cordial agreement. The Board of Trade was a good deal influenced by the prospective availability of the $500 from the NCCJ.

I am told that Rock Hill is a community which for the present is in quite a delicate balance. A good deal of new industry, and a good deal of new trade unionism. The Council's near friends there are quite few in number and mainly associated with the College. The town is near the North Carolina border and has been heavily influenced by the angry, not to say dangerous, state of racial feeling engendered by the recent North Carolina political primaries; and its own South Carolina primaries -- scarcely less angry -- are upon it at present. My opinion is that it would destroy the chance of getting the survey made if we burden our local friends with trying to raise from wealthy and doubtless touchy persons in the Rock Hill area, substantial sums de novo for the survey. Neither can the Council itself think it wise for it to undertake what must inevitably be long and difficult correspondence with Mr. Lowenstein or Mr. Ben Cone or others, looking toward substantial contributions for the Rock Hill survey.

To begingwith, a whole lot of money is not needed. I think $500, plus what they will raise as the survey moves ahead, will see them through all right. In the second place, our Council lives with a financial precariousness that may be hard to imagine, and we simply haven't the means to finance repeated trips to Rock Hill or elsewhere to find and persuade such potential friends as you were kind enough to suggest. And in the third place -- and most important -- the method by which we get these surveys made is faithfully to promise the local committees that they may make their own decisions without any strings to their work. Our only insistence is that the committees which make the surveys shall be bi-racial; else we are not interested. After they decide to go ahead, they use as much technical advice from us as they care to. That is the bargain, express and implied. We are not in a position to say to our friends in Rock Hill that if they do this and if they do that, we see ways by which they can get a survey made. And, again, I am not in a position to approach wealthy people in Rock Hill and say that if they will give money I will do this and I will do that.

The forces in the community willing to push the survey through expect that they can get it made if they have $500 as a gift from the NCCJ, but expect that they can't get it made if they don't.

I don't know how to convey to you the extreme complications raised by the recent primary campaigns. But I assure you that they have made an altogether abnormal situation. Incidentally, they have made a situation in which the completion of a survey will do more than anything else to straighten out Rock Hill. But it isn't a bargaining situation. It is one which calls for simple, smooth, local action.

As that is the situation, I do earnestly hope that you can cause the Commission to issue a check to the Southern Regional Council at an early date, and we can notify our friends in Rock Hill that the money is available and that they may go ahead.

All this may sound most uncooperative on the careful thought which your friends ghave given to alternative ways of finding means. Normally, I think we would have been anxious to explore those ways fully. But things are not normal.

I would expect that after a survey is made, some or all of the resources which you touch upon might be reached for aid in carrying through recommendations of a survey. And at an appropriate time, I would urge our local friends to undertake them.

Meanwhile, the thing to do is remove all obstacles in the way of a lo-

cal committee getting to work.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

P.S. I was told only two or three days ago in North Carolina by a distinguished and deeply informed citizen there that only in one previous instance had he seen racial hatred whipped to a similar fervor, and that was Nazi Germany in 1938!

July 3, 1950

Mrs. Ellen O'Gorman Duffy
Three Hills
Warm Springs, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Duffy:

We are sorry for the delay in answering your letters of June 23rd and 26th, but we thought it necessary to wait for Dr. Mitchell's return to the office today. He himself is writing you today about the matters raised in your letters.

We both enjoyed meeting you and the rest of the Executive Committee in New York last month.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Fleming
Survey Assistant

July 3, 1950

Miss Ruth Birdsall, Asst. Editor
The Instructor
Dansville, New York

Dear Miss Birdsall:

This is in reply to your letter of June 27 addressed to the Conference on Education and Race Relations. That organization was merged with the Southern Regional Council in 1944.

The poem "To James" by Frank Horne was reprinted in part in "Singers in the Dawn" from The Book of American Negro Poetry by James Weldon Johnson. Permission to reprint it was received from Harcourt, Brace and Company, New York City, the publishers of Mr. Johnson's anthology. I am sure they will be glad to grant the same permission to The Instructor.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

July 3, 1950

Mr. Patrick Murphy Malin
American Civil Liberties Union
170 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Malin:

Mrs. Millis asked our organization to fill out this questionnaire. I have no very special sources of information myself toward completing it, but have done the best I could as a sometime member of ACLU.

I think the new South Carolina Act regulating the general election and the primaries is a remarkably long step ahead in civil liberties in that State. The Act has its defects but on the whole it is a great gain.

As to Atlanta, the general view would be that the city itself has kept its head, but that the State has lost ground rapidly.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

CC: Mrs. Mary Raoul Millis

GSM:er
Encl.

July 3, 1950

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

Many thanks indeed for your kindness in sending us the two forms of bequest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

July 3, 1950

Miss Sue B. Whetstone
Office of the President
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Miss Whetstone:

Thanks for your letter of June 29.

I send back a now out of print pamphlet which contains the Durham statement and the Atlanta statement.

We are most grateful to Governor Darden for paying up his dues.

The Council will be happy to serve you in any way that it can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encl.

July 5, 1950

Mr. John Bunyan Lockwell
R.F.D.
Maxton, North Carolina

Dear John Bunyan:

Here is a good leaflet we did about how to get houses in small towns.

I sent some to the editor of the Pembroke Progress.

Is there any chance that you and your friends could get some local push in this direction? It could be quite a thing for Pembroke.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encls.

July 5, 1950

Mr. R. D. Wellons, President
Pembroke State College
Pembroke, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wellons:

I have sent copies of this leaflet to the Pembroke Progress and to my good friend, John Bunyan Lockwell, R.F.D., Maxton. If Pembroke would take the thing up, it could get some nice new houses -- which would be a banner achievement for the town and for Indians.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. Why not Pembroke as a town to do a Self-Survey? That would be grand.

GSM:er
Encls.

July 5, 1950

Mrs. Ruth C. Sloan
U. S. Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Sloan:

Here is the blank duly filled out.

It was a pleasure to talk to you the other day.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

July 5, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Rhorer
651 East Paces Ferry Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Rhorer:

My good friend, Miss Opal Futch, told us that you might perhaps be interested in the work of the Southern Regional Council.

I send you printed things about the Council and most cordially invite you to become members.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encls.

July 5, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Neal
403 Forrest Avenue, N.E.
Apartment 7
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Neal:

My good friend, Miss Opal Futch, told us that you might perhaps be interested in the work of the Southern Regional Council.

I send you printed things about the Council and most cordially invite you to become members.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encls.

July 5, 1950

Mrs. Ann Dunlap
760 Ponce de Leon Terrace, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Dunlap:

My good friend, Miss Opal Futch, told us that you might perhaps be interested in the work of the Southern Regional Council.

I send you printed things about the Council and most cordially invite you to become a member.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encls.

July 5, 1950

Mrs. George T. Douglas
278 Twelfth Street, N.E.
Apartment D-5
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Douglas:

My good friend, Miss Opal Futch, told us that you might perhaps be interested in the work of the Southern Regional Council.

I send you printed things about the Council and most cordially invite you to become a member.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encls.

July 5, 1950

Miss Marjorie B. Atkins
1559 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Apartment E-5
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Atkins:

My good friend, Miss Opal Futch, told us that you might perhaps be interested in the work of the Southern Regional Council.

I send you printed things about the Council and most cordially invite you to become a member.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encls.

July 5, 1950

Mrs. William C. White
Okeechobee, Florida

Dear Mrs. White:

We are delighted that you sent out the cards again urging those long delinquent Florida people to pay some dues again. We have had two, three, or four lately and will hope for many more.

The Council is so careful and honest an organization that it does seem to me anybody who has a conscience at all ought to come along in. But I know it is hard to reach people's consciences these days.

We are all grateful for all that you do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

July 5, 1950

Reverend Stiles B. Lines
Grace Episcopal Church
Camden, South Carolina

Dear Reverend Lines:

Thank you for your letter of July 1st enclosing a five dollar contribution from the Reverend John K. Tibbits, along with your own check for three dollars to cover your membership dues.

We have acknowledged Reverend Tibbits' contribution and hope you will let us know if he is interested in becoming a member of the Council.

In checking your own membership records, we find that you owed dues for 1949 and 1950. As you know, dues are $3.00 per year. Your recent check pays your dues only through October 1949, and we are notifying you with the thought that you will probably want to bring your membership up to date.

Our many thanks for your interest in the Council.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

July 5, 1950

Miss Edith Stokely, Community Missions Director
Woman's Missionary Union
1111 Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Miss Stokely:

Thank you for your letter of June 27.

I enclose a publications list as you requested.

Of the pamphlets which you already have listed, the following only are still available.

"Singers in the Dawn
"America's Tenth Man
"Wanted: A Healthy South"
"Repairers of the Breach"

None of the prices of the pamphlets have been changed.

Please write, if we can be of further service.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

July 5, 1950

Mr. J. M. Tydings, Executive Director
The Lincoln Foundation
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Tydings:

Thank you for your letter of June 20, which I have just seen upon my return to the office. What with getting married and vacationing, I've been a bit out of touch.

I appreciate your writing about the Small Community Conference at Yellow Springs. Although I was unable to attend, I will write Mr. Andersen for information about the Conference findings, which may be useful in connection with our Survey program.

Mr. Steele's report was most helpful indeed, and we are grateful to both of you for your help.

Best wishes from everyone here.

Sincerely,

Jane Simpson Fleming
Survey Assistant

July 5, 1950

Mr. George Rothman, President
International Association of Public
Employment Services
1835 N. Third Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Rothman:

I have just seen your telegram of June 13 regardingthe membership policy of the IAPES, which came during my absence from the office. We are most grateful for your prompt and helpful answer to our inquiry. The information was most helpful to us in preparing our report on professional associations.

We shall be glad to see that you receive a copy of the report when it is in published form.

Thank you again for your help.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane Simpson Fleming
Research Assistant

July 5, 1950

Melvin A. Glasser, Executive Director
Midcentury White House Conference on
Children and Youth
FSA Building, Fourth and Independence, S.W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Glasser:

The Southern Regional Council is glad to accept membership in the Advisory Council on Participation of National Organizations, since we are much in sympathy with the aims of the White House Conference on Children and Youth.

As we wrote you last April, unfortunately our small budget and staff will limit our active participation in the work of the Conference. However, we appreciate this opportunity to be represented and will be glad to cooperate in every possible way. Perhaps our major contribution might be the distribution of information about the Conference and its findings to our members throughout the Southern States.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Fleming
Survey Assistant

July 5, 1950

Mr. C. G. Gomillion
Box 31
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Gomillion:

Thank you so much for your two letters with the addtional information about the Alabama State Conference of Social Workers and the Alabama State Nurses Association. The information is most helpful and we greatly appreciate your cooperation. The report on professional associations was delayed for several reasons, but we are now preparing it for the July issue of New South, so we will be able to incorporate the latest information you have sent.

I am sorry about my delay in answering your letters, but I have just returned to the office after an absence of several weeks. We would very much like to receive any further information you obtain. Even if it comes too late for use in this report, we hope to keep our information on professional associations up-to-date for future use.

Thank you again for all your help.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Fleming
Research Assistant

July 5, 1950

Miss Lorena Jane Murray, SNC
Regional Nursing Consultant
U. S. Public Health Service, Region No. 4
1100 Chester Avenue
Cleveland 14, Ohio

Dear Miss Murray:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 15, which I have just seen upon my return to the office after an absence of several weeks. We are most grateful to you for the careful and complete information you obtained for us about the membership policies of the various nurses' associations in Kentucky. The information is exactly what we wanted, and we are most grateful for your help and cooperation in getting it for us.

We shall be glad to see that you receive a copy of our report on professional organizations when it is available.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Fleming
Research Assistant

July 5, 1950

Editor, Pembroke Progress
Pembroke, North Carolina

Dear Sir:

I am in hopes that this little leaflet on how to get new housing in small towns will be of interest to you and others in Pembroke. I note from the June 29 issue that Pembroke's population is a neat 2211. That qualifies you exactly for rural non-farm housing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encls.

July 5, 1950

Mrs. Elsie Larson Wilson, Executive Secretary
Council of Social Agencies
715 Travis Street - P.O. Box 141
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

Thank you so much for your letter of June 14, which I have just seen upon my return from an absence of several weeks. We appreciate your kind praise of the Greenville pamphlet, and we are happy to know that our Manual has been helpful to you in your Shreveport self-survey.

Your survey sounds as though it has been soundly planned and organized, and you are most fortunate to have trained assistance. We shall be most interested in receiving information about the survey's progress.

If we can be of any assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Jane Simpson Fleming
Survey Assistant

July 5, 1950

Mr. A. D. Beittel, President
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Mr. Beittel:

I wrote Bishop Purcell a week or so ago, reminding him that his dues were long delinquent, and had the attached reply from him.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encl.

July 6, 1950

Mr. Charles McGill Smith
U. S. Public Housing Administration
Washington, D. C.

Dear Charles:

Here is a leaflet I did, boiling down the government lingo into plain people's talk. We have mailed it out to all of our members. I thought it would do some good.

Will you send a copy of it to Lawrence Blumberg?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 6, 1950

Mr. Clarence J. Stenzel
805 Texas and Pacific Passenger Bldg.
Fort Worth 2, Texas

Dear Mr. Stenzel:

The Southern Regional Council is interested in getting the maximum out of the new Rural Non-Farm Housing Program.

To that end, I have distributed the enclosed leaflet to some 4,500 of the Council's members and friends in the South.

I can't claim that the language had the official approval of people in PHA here, but at least they found no reason why a private organization should not circulate it.

I thought it no more than courteous to send a copy to you. I do hope that it will have some effect in increasing the applications that reach you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 6, 1950

Mr. Clarence Poe
Progressive Farmer
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Poe:

I have been meaning for some time to write you of my deep appreciation for your series of editorials on peace. I do hope that this wisdom coming out of your lifetime of service to the people of the South will strengthen resolve to find peace.

I enclose a fly sheet our Council has mailed out to its members telling about the new Government program for housing in rural non-farm places.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encls.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 6, 1950

Mr. Forrest C. Weir
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Weir:

Have you any suggestions as to ways in which this could be usefully got to churches in small towns?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 6, 1950

The Honorable The Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am sending several copies of our Council's reprint of your three recent praiseworthy decisions.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encls.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 6, 1950

Mr. Philleo Nash (Executive Officer)
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Philleo:

You and your office were mighty nice to send right away quick the Supreme Court decisions.

We are reprinting them as enclosed and sending them out widely over these fair States.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 6, 1950

Mr. Elmer Henderson
National Conference for Human Rights
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Henderson:

Here is the Council's reprint of the three recent decisions.

We have got these out widely over the South.

It occurred to me that each of your component organizations might wish to have a copy, and with that in mind I send twenty copies.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 6, 1950

Mr. G. W. McLaurin
University of Oklahoma
Norman, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. McLaurin:

We thought you would be interested in a copy of the Council's reprint of the three decisions.

We are greatly pleased with the outcome.

We have mailed this out to four or five thousand members of the Council over the South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encls.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 6, 1950

Mr. Carter Wesley
Houston Informer
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

I have sent copies of this to Mr. Elmer Henderson and Mr. McLaurin. I don't know a proper address for Mr. Sweatt, but thought I might rely on your kindness to forward a copy to him.

Warmly,

George S. Mitchell

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Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 6, 1950

Dr. W. A. Mason
206 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mason:

I turn to you for advice on this.

He seems like a good man, and there should be some way to use his skill.

What should I write him and Mr. Brooks?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

Blind CC: Norma Huff

July 6, 1950

President Felton G. Clark
Southern University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Clark:

We were all greatly delighted when your registered letter came in with the 21 new ten-dollar memberships in the Council.

That is an enormous help to us in money and in friendship, and we are deeply grateful to you and to your friends.

We received also the extra two a few days later that made the whole total of $230.

They are all duly being placed on the rolls and will receive new-member packets and receipts, etc.

Our warmest welcome to all these fine new Council members -- the best kind of members.

I feel satisfied we can get Mrs. Tilly to take a trip into Louisiana some time late this summer and work up extra support for the Council. I will talk with her about it and let you know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed inDr. Mitchell's absence

July 6, 1950

Dr. Will W. Alexander
New Hope Farm, RFD 1
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Will:

I benefited greatly from the long morning you were good enough to afford me the other day. Please don't forget the list you were to get me from Jonathan. Do also please plan carefully to give me that one week per month you spoke of. We will get somewhere if you will do that.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 6, 1950

Mr. John Hay Whitney
630 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Whitney:

I would greatly like for you to be acquainted with the Southern Regional Council.

Here is a recent Herald Tribune story about the Council and two recent pamphlets.

Race in the News has done much to improve greatly the way the Southern white press handles news about Negroes. And the Greenville Survey has done wonders in that city. Note the paragraph on page 31 beginning "All these ..."

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encls.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 6, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred D. Lasker
29 Beekman Place
New York, New York

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lasker:

We would like for you to be acquainted with the Southern Regional Council.

Here is a recent Herald Tribune story about it. Also two pamphlets of ours which have done a lot of good. The rules laid down in the green one have brought striking improvement in the way scores of Southern newspapers handle news involving Negroes. On the Greenville one, see the paragraph on page 31 beginning "all these ... "

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 6, 1950

Mr. Christian Sonne
96 Wall Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Sonne:

I would like for you to be acquainted with the work of the Southern Regional Council.

Here is an account of it from the Herald Tribune and a couple of recent pamphlets. The rules laid down in the green one have transformed the handling of racial news in scores of Southern newspapers. On the Greenville one, see the paragraph on page 31 beginning "All these ..."

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 6, 1950

Mr. Philip M. Stern
Office of Congressman Henry M. Jackson
of Washington
U. S. Capitol
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Stern:

I think you will be interested in the work of the Southern Regional Council. We most cordially invite you to become a member.

We will send you any amount of information or pamphlets, but I am sure you have a good many friends in New Orleans who will speak cordially about us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 7, 1950

Rev. W. W. Wilkie
2100 Wolfe Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Wilkie:

I was delighted to hear from Mr. Ewbank of your election as Chairman of the new Arkansas Division of the Council. We welcome you to these responsibilities and to the opportunity for strengthening understanding and progress in the State.

Here is a copy of some of the foundation documents of the Council. I send you also a complete set of our various publications (minus some that are out of print). I commend particularly the Herald Tribune story, which is a complete summary.

The Council's effort is to be helpful and useful. We have been less interested in doctrinaire pronouncements than in getting things done that all will agree are helpful in building a united citizenship in the South.

Please look closely at the green pamphlet called Race in the News. It has been remarkably influential since its issuance last September. The Southern Newspaper Publishers Association sent it out to all its members in the South. We got a few extra dollars (grand total, 90, from various people, including Hodding Carter, to send it to all the county weeklies in the South. There are 2,000 of them. They have now gone out everywhere but Arkansas. Attached is a sample of the sort of letter that most of the State Divisions have used in getting it out. If you would be so kind as to send me a sample of your signature, we will trace the signature on the stencil for such a mimeographed letter. Then we would send you the stamped, addressed envelopes containing your letter and a copy of Race in the News, ready for you to drop into the mails to go to each county weekly in Arkansas.

If you will suggest any appropriate changes in the letter, we will be glad to make them and send any letter you wish to go.

One of our problems is money -- as with all these organizations. "ere is a sample of a leaflet which we intend to use the rest of this year to build membership for 1951. I would be most grateful if you would study it and, in conference with any others you may wish to call in, tell me what steps you think could be taken in Arkansas during the remainder of this year toward finding a number of people in the State who would take on this responsibility. Our proposal would be that of each $10.00 membership, $3.00 would be returned by this office to the State Division treasury.

Call on us at any time for any assistance we can give.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encls.

CC: John R. Ewbank

July 3, 1950

Mr. John R. Ewbank
Philander Smith College
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Ewbank:

Many thanks indeed for your letter of June 29. I had seen Hicks at the meeting at Tuskegee and he told me you had arranged a meeting and elected permanent officers.

I have written Mr. Wilkie as enclosed.

We have been slow in getting the Race in the News ready, but will get them off now for Mr. Wilkie's signature. I am asking him for his signature so that we can have it mimeographed on the letters.

It was mighty good of you to take on the responsibility of getting the new Division launched, and we all appreciate it.

Some time in the Fall, let's plan to get Mrs. Tilly over again and push it all a step further.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

July 7, 1950

Mr. J. M. Tydings
The Lincoln Foundation
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Tydings:

Thank you for Mr. Meyzeek's check. It has been acknowledged. Do you think he would be interested in joining?

I recently tabulated Kentucky contributions and find that $270.50 to date. Texas has completed it's pledge, South Carolina is pretty close, and our Board members are working well. The summer is quiet as far as fund raising is concerned, but we are managing to exist.

Our best regards and thanks.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

July 7, 1950

Burrelle's Press Clipping Bureau
165 Church Street
New York 7, New York

Dear Sirs:

Please discontinue service to the Southern Regional Council as of the above date.

We are in receipt of your invoice of June 30th and will remit as soon as possible.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

July 7, 1950

Dr. E. V. Norton
Northern Alabama State Teachers College
Florence, Alabama

Dear Dr. Norton:

I thought perhaps you would be interested in becoming a member of the Southern Regional Council. A good many of your friends have long been active in it, and I think you would find the Council's publications useful. We want to have a much more active group at Florence and generally through Alabama.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence.

July 7, 1950

Mrs. Hilda K. Gilbert
Professor of Economics
Northern Alabama State Teachers College
Florence, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Gilbert:

I thought perhaps you would be interested in joining the Southern Regional Council.

We go about things with an economist's approach. Our publications may be quite useful to you (they are much employed in teaching) and we are anxious to have much more activity in the Tri-City area and generally in Alabama.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 7, 1950

Dr. James R. Patterson
116 Sevier Street
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Patterson:

You were kind enough to join the Council back in 1946, when Miss Mims besought your help. Our membership secretary now tells me that your dues are unpaid for the period of 1947 through 1950. Added together, that would make the frightening amount of $11.00. We will be happy to make you current for whatever check you can send us.

There is more to do than ever before, and less to do it with.

Is there still any possibility of getting a survey in Murfreesboro on the order of this one at Greenville? Murfreesboro will be a fine place for it, and we know it would help things in the town endlessly.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 7, 1950

Dr. A. D. Beittel, President
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Dr. Beittel:

That is a fine quartet of checks which arrived from you in this morning's mail. A most generous one from the Alabama Division will help a great deal and is a source of gratitude for our good friendships in Alabama.

All of the contributions have been acknowledged.

Your total now stands at $392.00. A $3.00 contribution from Mr. Paul Irvine in Auburn came in since I last wrote you.

Our Finance Committee will meet sometime next week and will be notified of your good works. Your checks come at a time when preoccupation with political races and summer heat diminishes fund raising efforts somewhat.

All send thanks and appreciation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

July 7, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Brown
Apartment 19, Village I
Sheffield, Alabama

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Brown:

We wish to express our appreciation for your recent generous contribution which was sent to us by Dr. Beittel of ~~Tuskegee Institute.~~ Talladega College.

It is most gratifying to us that people in the South are helping now more than ever to support the Council. We are most grateful for your interest in our program.

With the thought that you would be interested in seeing this editorial, I enclose a reprint.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

July 7, 1950

Greater Atlanta Community Chest
P. O. Box 1038
Atlanta 1, Georgia

Gentlemen:

The personnel of the Southern Regional Council suffers the usual changes.

I have noticed for the last couple of years that your campaign cards as made out for us are now quite out of whack with the present personnel.

For your information, our staff is as follows:

Mr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Mr. Harold C. Fleming, Director of Information
Mrs. Jane Fleming, Research Assistant
Mrs. Norma Huff, Secretary-Treasurer
Mrs. Winona Dawkins, Secretary
Mrs. M. E. Tilly, Field Secretary
Miss Elizabeth Rogers, Secretary
Mrs. Carole Curry, Membership Secretary

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Address for all: 63 Auburn Ave, N.E.

July 7, 1950

Mrs. Ethel C. Phillips
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mrs. Phillips:

The memoranda on the Genocide Convention and the letters from the American Association for the United Nations are admirable in every way.

I would be grateful for your getting to me fifteen copies of each.

In addition, it would be very helpful if you could have copies sent to the persons on the enclosed list. They are officers of the State Divisions and affiliated or cooperating Committees of the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 7, 1950

Mr. Russell B. Babcock
Executive Director
Illinois Interracial Commission
19 South LaSalle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Babcock:

In Dr. Mitchell's absence from the city, I am writing to inform you that you can probably secure a copy of the Federal Court decision you requested from Mr. Will Ray, here in Atlanta.

Mr. Ray is secretary of a Negro railway firemen's organization. I have tried to check and find out the name of the union but have been unsuccessful. However, Mr. Ray's home address is: 586 Lindsay Street, N.W.

Sincerely,

Beth Rogers
Secretary to Dr. Mitchell

July 7, 1950

Mr. Ralph A. Rose
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Rose:

Many thanks for your letter of June 21.

We have since had a nice editorial in the New York Times about the Greenville Survey. Rock Hill, we understand, is about to do one, and $500 toward a Rock Hill survey has been promised by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Shreveport, Louisiana, is nearly through with just such a survey as the Greenville one. Others we know of are Madison, Georgia; Darlington, South Carolina, and Earlington, Kentucky.

I send along as a sample of our work this little release on the new Rural Non-Farm Housing Program.

We continue to run on hard lines, and do most earnestly hope that the Friends can help us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 10, 1950

Mr. J. R. Otis, President
Alcorn A & M College
Alcorn, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Otis:

I am delighted to have your letter of July 5. Alcorn is a place I have not visited, and it will be a great pleasure to have an opportunity to get to know it better.

I could be there July 25 and 26, Tuesday and Wednesday. Would that be all right?

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

July 10, 1950

Dr. A. Elder, President
North Carolina College at Durham
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Elder:

I am deeply grateful for your own courtesy and that of the College in providing me with quarters, good food, and a good audience for the two days last week.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 10, 1950

Rev. H. Brent Schaeffer
1525 Robinson Street
Jackson 26, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Schaeffer:

Mr. Otis at Alcorn has asked me to be over there to talk to various groups on July 25 and 26.

Shall you be in Jackson, or shall you be (more comfortably) at Dogwood Dell? If you are to be in Jackson, I will be most anxious to talk with you on the 24th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

July 10, 1950

Mr. Jacob L. Reddix
President, Jackson College
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Reddix:

Mr. Otis has asked me to be at Alcorn July 25 and 26.

That ought to take me to and through Jackson July 24 and possibly July 27.

I will hope for a friendly visit with you in any case, but thought perhaps there might be a class or so at the College which I could help someone with.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

July 10, 1950

Mrs. John Wallace
902 State Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Aimee:

I am driving over to Mississippi to talk at Alcorn College July 25 and 26.

That ought to take me to and through Jackson on the 24th.

This is unique advance warning of a pending pop-in visit to see the Wallaces. Wr shall you be off at the beach?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 10, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Smith
c/o Mrs. Anderson
Uniontown, Alabama

Dear Alvin and Dossie:

I am heading toward Alcorn College in the course of Sunday, July 23, and ought therefore to be coming smack through the Smith plantation.

This is unprecedented advance notice. Don't stay home on my account, but if the cows keep you there I will come too.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

July 10, 1950

Mr. James Martin
175 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Martin:

I had a very friendly letter from Mr. Ralph Ireland, who was in charge of the recent group of ten German students. He asked me particularly to express their appreciation to you and their enjoyment of the tour of Atlanta housing.

On the basis of the group's own comments, that was one of the highlights of their travels.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

July 10, 1950

Mr. Philip G. Hammer
3592 Roxboro Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Phil:

I had a very friendly letter from Mr. Ralph Ireland, who was in charge of the recent group of ten German students. He asked me particularly to express their appreciation to you and their enjoyment of the tour of Atlanta housing.

On the basis of the group's own comments, that was one of the highlights of their travels.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 10, 1950

Carolina Coach Company
1201 Blount Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Gentlemen:

I should like to express my praise of your driver (#174) on the 4:00 P.M. bus from Durham to Raleigh July 7.

I had occasion to observe numerous instances of his special courtesy to passengers and in particular the even-handedness of his consideration of both white and Negro passengers.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

July 10, 1950

Mr. Theodore R. Speigner
North Carolina College at Durham
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Speigner:

I had a mighty nice time at Durham with you and with your friends, and I appreciate all that you and that the College did.

Many thanks, too, for finding the funds that made the trip a financial success.

I am putting you down as one of the fifty to find us ten new ten-dollar members between now and 1951. We will be deeply grateful for your effort.

I send separately some leaflets which may help in recruiting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

July 10, 1950

Mr. Hugo C. Schwartz
1800 Cadillac Tower
Detroit 26, Michigan

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

That was very kind of you to write July 6 about the little sheet "Small Town Slums -- How to Get New Houses."

Here are several copies of our leaflet about the Home Town Self-Survey. We have a manual with the questions to ask, but that unfortunately costs a quarter. Glad to send you a manual if you wish.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encls.

July 10, 1950

Mrs. Ethel C. Phillips
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mrs. Phillips:

I warmly praise the new release, a copy of which you were kind enough to send me July 6.

If you will send me twenty, I will get them out where they will be useful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

July 10, 1950

Senator Frank P. Graham
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Frank:

Your "This Is America" message is in the grand spirit.

This is a hard set back, but North Carolina's true mind, which you have done much to shape, will show itself continuingly.

Warmly,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

July 10, 1950

Dr. George W. Gale
Atlanta Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Gale:

Dr. Payne from New York very kindly wrote me of your visit.

Do give me a call, and we can talk. I am as much interested in your work as you are in ours.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

July 10, 1950

Dr. George C. Payne
International Health Division
The Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York 20, New York

Dear Dr. Payne:

I am most grateful for your letter of July 6 about Dr. Gale from South Africa.

I will be in the city during his visit and will look forward to the opportunity to talk with him and help him in any way we can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

July 10, 1950

Miss Harriett Evison, Assistant Secretary
William C. Whitney Foundation
Room 2517
120 Broadway
New York 5, New York

Dear Miss Evison:

We are in receipt of your check Number 1814 in the amount of five hundred dollars, which represents the finanl payment in 1950 on the grant by the William C. Whitney Foundation to the Southern Regional Council. Your receipt is enclosed.

The interest of the Foundation in the Council is greatly appreciated, and our program is benefited through your support.

Please accept our gratitude and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

July 11, 1950

Prof. H. C. Brearley
Department of Sociology
George Peabody College for Teachers
Nashville 4, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Brearley:

Thank you for your inquiry of July 5.

All of the publications listed in "The Changing South in Print" are available in quantity, with the single exception of 'To Secure These Rights', a digest of the report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights.

I am sending separately copies of two of our more recent pamphlets which you might want to consider. They are Race in the News, a report on Southern newspaper practices with respect to race, and Greenville's Big Idea, an account of the self-survey conducted by citizens of both races in Greenville, S. C.

We will be glad to offer you the same reduction per pamphlet as we normally give for orders of 100 copies or more. That would amount to $7.50 per fifty copies of any of the following: Wanted: The South's Future for the Nation, Machines in the Cotton Fields, Wanted: An Educated South, Wanted: A Healthy South, Housing in the South, By the People, The Condition of Our Rights, Greenville's Big Idea, and Race in the News. Race and Suffrage in the South Since 1940, at the rate of $23 per 100 copies, would cost $11.50 per fifty copies. America's Tenth Man sells for a straight ten cents, or $5.00 per fifty copies.

We shall be glad to fill your order promptly.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

July 11, 1950

Mrs. Hortense Young
818 South 6th Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Young:

That was most kind of you to write, and I appreciate it. I look forward to a copy of the Defender with your item.

Here is a letter from a recent issue of the Raleigh News and Observer which caused a lot of sad amusement in North Carolina. I happened to be in Raleigh the day it came out. It was the general topic of conversation. I think perhaps it would come in as grist to your mill.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

July 12, 1950

Mr. Ernest E. Neal
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Ernest:

I promised to put something together about the Tuskegee meeting. Here is what I wrote.

If you want something built more particularly around the Tuskegee meeting, maybe I could turn it out. Let me know.

I am still profiting greatly from those three days, and I expect the whole country to profit from them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

July 12, 1950

Mr. Earl Mayhew
231 West Maxwell Street
Lexington 29, Kentucky

Dear Earl:

I knew when I picked up the phone to call you about that scholarship business that you were the kind of guy that would rise to the opportunity.

I am so glad it worked.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

July 12, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

You were going to dig out for us the name of a Negro contractor in New Orleans lately written up in Fortune magazine.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

July 12, 1950

Mr. S. R. Young
President and General Manager
Atlanta and West Point Rail Road Company
4 Hunter Street, S. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Young:

I do greatly appreciate the detailed attention and thoughtful consideration in your letter of June 29. You will recall that it was in reply to a letter from me of May 22 about overcrowding as complained of by a Negro passenger from Athens, Georgia, to Chehaw, Alabama.

It was extremely courteous of you to go so carefully into the matter.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

July ~~11~~ 12, 1950

Bishop R.R. Wright, Jr.
Morris Brown College
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Bishop Wright:

We are deeply grateful for your generous check to the Council.

It means a great deal to have your friendship and interest, especially when we know you have your own important activities to support.

Our kindest regards and sincere thanks.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

July 13, 1950

Mr. Henry Hauser
112 Daniels Road
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Hauser:

Thank you very much for your prompt sending back of my small loan. I was only too glad to help you and am mighty sorry you had that hard luck.

Do let us know if we can help you in any way. We will be glad to look up things for you and send you what you need.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 13, 1950

Mr. Rufus Clement, President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clement:

I am sorry we let the Finance Committee meeting be set on a day when you had to be out of the city. This will catch you up with what happened.

The Committee wanted a follow-up letter to go out to the Georgia members of the Council. The original letter which the Committee sent out to the members netted only $234.

Total amount received on the pledges of individuals in what has come to be called "the Georgia effort" was around $1200. Other pledges not yet received but confidently expected added up to about $600. Of that, $190 came in today. When the pledged but not yet received money comes in, the Georgia group will be perhaps $300 short of its full pledge of $2,350. The Committee hoped that the follow-up letter to the Georgia members which is to go out would bring in the balance.

On the "50 for '51" campaign it was agreed that we must find in each of our States a small committee with a strong chairman which will undertake to do itself in its own State the job of finding fifty persons, each of whom will get us ten new $10.00 members.

In five of the States our proper chairman is apparent and would almost certainly take on the job. These states are Virginia, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Georgia. In the others it will take correspondence or a visit to get a committee going. The Finance Committee is to meet again fairly early in August and I think expects me to have these State chairmen lined up by then.

On finances as a whole, the Council sees its way

through till mid September and perhaps till the end of September. If the other States fulfill their pledges, we are safe till November. We are still trying hard to get some good lump sums that will end up this year in the clear. Meanwhile, the great hope is in making the 50 for '51 campaign a success.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

Blind cc: Paul Williams

July 13, 1950

Mrs. Ellen O'Gorman Duffy
Three Hills
Warm Springs, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Duffy:

We do greatly appreciate your understanding letter of July 5.

There is no great haste about the check's actually coming in; the main thing was assurance.

I will write you as soon as it comes.

Meanwhile, cordial appreciation to you and to the Conference.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 13, 1950

Mr. Felton G. Clark
Southern University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Clark:

We were delighted to have the opportunity to help by sending the Volume 5, No. 6 number of New South to various people.

Thank you for letting us know.

With warm good wishes,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

July 13, 1950

Mr. John A. Griffin
1426 Clairmont Road
Decatur, Georgia

Dear John:

Many thanks for your help yesterday.

You wanted to be reminded to write Mark Childs and ask him to be a 50 for '51.

I send you some supplies to have around.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 13, 1950

Mr. Thomas C. Allen, Co-Secretary
Federal Council of Churches of Christ
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Tom:

Mighty kind indeed of you to send a good fat check, which makes you a fully paid up Associate Member of the Council. By moving to New York you lost your vote, but in all other respects remain a proper member.

The Supreme Court decisions open graduate and professional education. Some states will resist, but they won't succeed long. I should think that within two or three years Negroes will have been admitted to graduate or professional work in white state institutions in every Southern state.

Somebody was perceptive recently in saying that the Southern states will buy all the segregation they can pay for. I have been impressed in driving about recently by the splashy money that is going into new buildings and new faculty for Negro state colleges. I think by now the position of the Board of Control for Regional Education is pretty well clarified and its enemies are fewer and less shrill. They made it plain in the Maryland case that they were not set up to circumvent the Gaines decision. And now the events in Kentucky have made it doubly clear that regional education and segregation are not necessarily concomitants.

I suppose it will be longer before undergraduate college work in state institutions is opened. Some private institutions will probably lead the way there. It would be a good thing if the churches would do some pilot jobs with church-related colleges.

I am greatly encouraged by what Brimm gets done with the Southern Baptists, and the recent action about Montreat by

the Southern Presbyterians is also encouraging.

Come and see us when you are in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 13, 1950

Mr. Harry Garey
182 Marietta Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Garey:

We are in receipt of your recent contribution sent in by Mr. Philip Shulhafer. Please accept our thanks for your generous support of our program.

A complimentary subscription to our publication, New South, has been entered for you. Please notify us, if you would prefer the use of your home mailing address.

Our kindest regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

July 13, 1950

Mr. Richard A. Guthman
182 Marietta Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Guthman:

Mr. Philip Shulhafer has sent us your recent contribution to the Southern Regional Council. We are extremely grateful for your interest in our work.

We have entered a complimentary subscription to our publication, New South, for one year for you. Please notify us if you would prefer using your home mailing address.

Please accept our thanks for your kindness.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

July 13, 1950

Mr. Sam Lubell
845 West End Avenue
New York 25, New York

Dear Mr. Lubell:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to send you what up-to-date information we have concerning Negro suffrage and political participation. I regret to say that our figures are quite sketchy and incomplete, since we have to rely on clippings and such estimates as we can get from informed local people.

In answer to your first two questions, the enclosed chart on Negro suffrage will give you all the data we now have.

As for your third question, in the last few years it has been apparent (although we do not have the detailed figures) that an increasing number of Negroes are running for office and being elected. Along with this increasing political participation has come also an increase in the number of Negroes appointed to membership on policy-making public bodies, both state and local.

In looking through our clippings for 1949-50, we found an interesting sample of some 26 Negroes who had run for public office during that time. Out of the 26, 13 lost, 7 won, and the outcome of the other 6 races is unknown. The proportion winning election in this group, however, should not be taken as generally typical, since these cases are the ones most likely to come to our attention. The enclosed table will give you the details of these races.

I hope that this information, meager as it is, will be of some help to you.

Dr. Mitchell sends his best regards.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Fleming
Research Assistant

July 13, 1950

Mr. Richard P. Daniel
Daniel and Poucher
1100 Florida Natl. Bank Building
Jacksonville 2, Florida

Dear Dick:

You very kindly wrote me June 28 that you had written personally to Mr. Alsop and that if we did not hear from him or Kipinis in two weeks to write you again.

June 28 was fifteen days ago. No word as yet.

I do greatly hope they will help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 14, 1950

Mr. Hugh Brimm
2825 Lexington Road
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Hugh:

I am wrapping up this afternoon fifty more copies of the Greenville Survey. We saw that kind reference, and rejoice.

The ordinary price is twenty cents, but for so helpful an order we will shave it to fifteen cents apiece. I will mail you a bill separately.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

July 14, 1950

Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
Dept. of Sociology & Economics
Virginia Union University
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Dr. Hancock:

How greatly your letter rejoices me!

If you will let me know when you think circumstances are propitious, I will get in a request to GEB. The money we have had in small sums from Southern people is pretty impressive and ought to sustain an application for help from the Board.

Faithful friend.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. We had another noble three column story on the editorial page of the Herald Tribune for Saturday July 8. I have only one copy and it is being reprinted. I had already prepared to send one to GEB. I will send you a stack as soon as they are back from the printer.

July 14, 1950

Mrs. Henry Havens
2845 Corinthian Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mrs. Havens:

What is the status of the $100 which the Province of Sewanee so kindly gave us formerly?

You always looked after it for us, and I haven't written any letters to ask for it.

We had a grand story in the Herald Tribune July 10, really about the effect of Race in the News. I will send you some as soon as it is reprinted.

I enclose the main document about the scheme of the new Finance Committee (Glenn Rainey, John Griffin, and Rufus Clement) to put the Council on its feet for 1951 et seq. Will you ponder it as to how it should be applied in Florida? The Finance Committee met yesterday and said we should find in each State a Chairman of the campaign who would make his own arrangements, whether through meetings or correspondence or what, to turn up the fifty people. Whom should I turn to in Florida?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

July 14, 1950

Dr. A. D. Beittel
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Dr. Beittel:

Thank you for your letter and recent contributions.

Dr. Trenholm sent several checks in yesterday and the total amount paid on your pledge is $473.00. You are well on your way to completing your pledge.

I am going on a vacation next week, but when I return I will send you a complete listing of the payments from Alabama.

Our thanks for all your help.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

July 14, 1950

Mr. Julian Boehm
1020 First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Boehm:

Mr. Philip Shulhafer recently sent us your contribution to the Council along with those of Mr. Hirsch and Mr. Clein. We are indeed grateful for your efforts on behalf of the Council and for your support of our work.

Please accept our thanks.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:wgd

July 14, 1950

Mr. Joseph H. Hirsch
William-Oliver Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Hirsch:

Your recent contribution through Mr. Julian Boehm has been received. We are indded grateful for your interest in the Council and for your support of our program.

A complimentary subscription for one year to our publication New South is being sent to you.

Our sincere thanks.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:wgd

July 14, 1950

Mr. Harry Clein
7 Edgewood Ave.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clein:

Your recent contribution through Mr. Julian Boehm has been received. We are indeed grateful for your interest in the Council and for your support of our program.

A complimentary subscription for one year to our publication New South is being sent to you.

Our sincere thanks.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:wgd

July 14, 1950

Mr. Sam L. Sugarman
182 Marietta St., N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Sugarman:

Mr. Philip Shulhafer recently sent us your generous contribution to the work of the Southern Regional Council. We are sincerely grateful for your help.

A complimentary subscription to New South for one year is being sent to you.

Our many thanks.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:wgd

July 14, 1950

Mr. Philip Shulhafer
Montag Brothers, Inc.
180 Marietta St., N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Shulhafer:

Many thanks for those fine checks which you sent. We are acknowledging the donors and appreciate your many efforts on behalf of the Council. They have been most fruitful.

All send regards and thanks.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:wgd

July 14, 1950

Mrs. Harry M. Gershon
1590 Harvard Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mrs. Gershon;

We are in receipt of your generous check sent in by Mr. Philip Shulhafer. Our many thanks.

We do appreciate your continued interest in the Council and support of our work.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:wgd

July 14, 1950

Mr. Frank A. Cleaver
Greenville Community Council
120-A W. McBee Street
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Frank:

We discovered this report in the files the other day and thought that it might be useful dope for the Follow-Up Committee to have. Would you see that it gets into the appropriate hands of the Health Committee or whatever? They might be interested to see that hospitals elsewhere in the state are following practices which they recommended in their report.

It was good to see you -- however briefly -- the other day on our way through. Don't forget to let us know when you come to Atlanta again.

Best to you and Harold from all here.

Sincerely,

Jane Fleming

July 14, 1950

Mrs. C. B. Smith
The Methodist Parsonage
Donelson, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Enclosed please find our check to cover one-half of dues payment in January and February 1950.

I do wish we could pay the Tennessee Division to date, but at the moment it is impossible. The summer has been very quiet in respect to our financial situation. Perhaps activity will increase in the next few months and we will be able to send you another check.

We do appreciate your efforts on behalf of the Council. They have helped a great deal to keep us alive.

We all send best regards and thanks.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

July 14, 1950

Mrs. Hortense Young
818 South Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Young:

I do wish the enclosed check might be larger. We do appreciate the help that you people in Kentucky have given us.

The summer has been very quiet with respect to our financial situation, but it is hoped that activities will increase in the next few months.

Our best wishes for a pleasant summer.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

July 14, 1950

Mr. Gurney P. Hood
Box 951
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Hood:

Enclosed, please find our check representing one-half of the dues payments in January 1950.

I wish that we might pay you all which you are due, but at the present it is impossible. Your membership dues have been coming in very well, and at the present, we owe the North Carolina Division a goodly sum.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

July 14, 1950

Mr. Raymond D. Fowler, Chairman
Housing Authority of Montevallo
Alabama State College for Women
Montevallo, Alabama

Dear Mr. Fowler:

In reply to your request for information about a housing self-survey, we are sending you separately a copy of the Council's Manual for a Home Town Self-Survey. The Manual itself covers all aspects of community life, but you will be most interested in the Introduction, which explains the self-survey method, and in the section on Housing, pages 58-70. We also think that you will be interested in the story of the recent highly successful self-survey in Greenville, South Carolina, which we are sending along with the Manual.

The Southern Regional Council is happy to provide help to any community which wants to make a self-survey. The only condition for such services by the Council is that the Survey Committee be representative and include citizens of both races as members.

The findings of a housing survey in Montevallo, and your subsequent application to the Public Housing Administration, would be greatly strengthened if the self-survey method were used in making the survey. A housing self-survey would demonstrate not only a substantial local interest in the need for housing but also the fact that both races were fairly represented in the project.

If we can help you further, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Fleming
Survey Assistant

July 14, 1950

Dear Mr. Rainey:

Here is the proposed follow-up letter to go to all Georgia members. It has been looked at by Norma Huff and Harold Fleming -- and of course by Dr. Mitchell who dictated it.

Does it meet with your approval?

Sincerely,

Beth Rogers
Secretary to Dr. Mitchell

July 14, 1950

Rev. H. Brent Schaeffer
1525 Robinson Street
Jackson 26, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Schaeffer:

Many thanks for your kind invitation to stay at your home on my way to Alcorn. I will certainly come to see you Monday afternoon, July 24, but I think I ought to do my sleeping that night nearer to Alcorn so as to arrive there at a useful hour in the morning.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

July 14, 1950

Rev. Emerson Smith
109 West Grace Street, Rm. 202
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Emerson:

Boyd Payton at Lynchburg is concerned about the release of Miss Katherine Lackey as Director of the Lynchburg Area University Center. He tells me that the charges against her involve her social and economic views, her attitude towar labor, and her racial philosophy, and that she was dismissed in an autocratic manner without a hearing and apparently without much effort to arrive at the facts in the total situation.

I would like to know what occurred. I doubt that the Council can do much about it. Is there any body in Virginia that would feel an obligation to get the facts before the public?

Please do some phoning about if you need to and let me know pretty soon what you hear.

And many thanks.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

July 14, 1950

Miss Mary Skinner
16 Dumont Apartment
Norfolk Avenue or thereabouts
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Mary:

Some of my union friends in Lynchburg are much concerned over the release of Miss Katherine Lackey as Director of the Lynchburg Area University Center.

They say she is a good egg and no more liberal than Lynchburg ought to be able to take, and that she was dropped without a hearing and without much effort to find the facts.

Can you tell me what Lynchburg people say happened? I guess ordinarily I would ask Marg, but Marg is in Switzerland.

We query everyone we see from Lynchburg for news of you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

July 17, 1950

Mr. Arthur A. Elder
Vice-President, Training Institute
International Ladies Garment Workers Union
1710 Broadway
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Elder:

We do appreciate your kind comments about the Council and about our material.

We will be happy to send you the forty sets of the literature as you request; however, one of them -- "To Secure Our Rights" -- is out of print. I would suggest as a substitute the excellent publication "Race in the News."

The whole package comes to 85¢ apiece. I do so hesitate to bill you for this much; would it be satisfactory to you to charge 50¢ per packet, plus mailing?

I enclose our publications list with those pamphlets checked which are to be included in the packet. We will send them promptly upon hearing from you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:er

Signed in Mrs. Huff's absence

July 17, 1950

Miss Inzer Byers
1715 West Pettigrew Street
West Durham, North Carolina

Dear Miss Byers:

We were glad to have your letter and to know that you are at work on that particular subject.

You will be most welcome here at our offices at any time during your stay here in Atlanta.

Unfortunately, I have scheduled a trip to Mississippi just for that week, but Mr. Harold Fleming and others in the office will be happy to talk with you at your convenience. Monday afternoon, July 24, two o'clock or thereafter will be all right.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

July 17, 1950

Mr. A. R. Hanson, Director
Richmond Field Office
Public Housing Administration
900 North Lombardy Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mr. Hanson:

Many thanks for your letter of July 12 about the leaflet on the new Rural Nonfarm Housing Program.

I was born on Lombardy street and ought to have pricked up my ears when so unfamiliar a Richmond name as Normandy was handed me as your address.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

July 17, 1950

Mr. John Ivey
Board of Control
316 Peachtree, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear John:

I promisec you a copy of the whole Tuskegee speech.

Here 'tis.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er
Encl.

July 17, 1950

Mr. Hugh Brimm
2825 Lexington Road
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Hugh:

This little leaflet could do a lot of good.

I have sent it to all of the Council's members, but that is not enough circulation.

I haven't got the postage money to mail it out broadcast to ministers or local ministerial associations or councils of church women.

I send you fifty in the hope that you may have opportunity to get them into the hands of church people who would be interested.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

July 17, 1950

Rev. Forrest C. Weir
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Weir:

Many thanks for your memorandum of July 14 about the small-town slums leaflet.

I haven't got the postage to get them out to local county ministerial associations, though I wish I had.

Your kind suggestion about State presidents of Councils of Church Women is extra good. If you will let me know to whom I should send them, I will be happy to get a small stack into each State president's hands.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

July 17, 1950

Dr. D. V. Jemison
1605 Lapsley Street
Selma, Alabama

Dear Dr. Jemison:

This is a useful little leaflet.

I have sent it to all the Council's members. I am asking appropriate people in the Southern Baptist Convention, the Methodist Church, and the Southern Presbyterian Church to get it into greater circulation.

I thought perhaps that if I sent you a small bundle you could find opportunity to get them out to some of your churches. It is a marvelous opportunity, and the South ought to take advantage of it.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

July 17, 1950

Mr. John H. Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Fleming and I have been talking about the survey of public schools which you kindly lent me. I am aware that it is to go back to you.

As it stands, or even in a greatly condensed version, it seems to me that almost the only interest is to people in Durham or at widest, people in North Carolina. Even though it is done with the greatest skill, care, and completeness, it remains the case that it is done by three people appointed to do that particular job. A survey so made (and made, as this one was, about a particular problem, namely, schools) does not have the reader interest aroused by the kind of job that was done in Jacksonville and in Greenville by a large, representative committee. In reporting the results of such a community adventure in fact-finding, there shines through the process of conversion of people's minds. Those who read the results of the Greenville survey are reading it not for the facts, but for such encouragement as they can get in the belief that if local people go out to find what they have in the town, they will lose prejudice and ignorance and turn up with a zeal to straighten things out.

On that account, it seems to me that the fundamental use of this is in the suit and in the files of citizen organizations in Durham for refuting in later years this claim or that that will be made.

On the other hand, it does seem to us that the document carries, and carries expertly and penetratingly, a lesson that the South as a whole needs to learn. This is the lesson that the price of separate schools is not any longer going to be a vague, self-flattering, comfortable notion that "our Negro schools are doing very well and are near enough to being equal for everything to be all right." Mr. Picott and his associates have gone on to show that equality means literal, exact, detailed equality -- stretching to spatulas and bones and brushes.

It means that all inventories must be exactly equal. It means that all courses must be offered to both and must be given exactly equal teaching time, and so on and so on. That, I am sure, the South does not realize at all. Nearly everybody white thinks that some more paint and some more bricks and some more chicanery will get by.

So we thought maybe the thing to do is to turn out a good longish article in New South which would use this survey as a mine of facts making that general point. In order to set the whole problem against its background, we ought to have also documents that would show us the kind of defense that has been used on behalf of the school system. We assume (but haven't the documents before us to show) that the defense argues in terms of "substantially equal" and so on, along the old lines.

If an article of that kind would be of interest, please send us what would be representative of the defense documents, and Fleming will try to turn it out.

There is another suggestion that may be of some help. The Atlanta Urban League took the results of a somewhat related survey here in Atlanta some years ago and boiled the most striking parts of it down into a leaflet, to which they gave very wide circulation in the city. It was quite helpful in public opinion. We have found a copy and I enclose it with this. I have no notion that we here could do even as good a job as your own people in Durham with such a leaflet, but if you wanted any editing done by us, we would be only too glad to do what we could.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

July 17, 1950

Mr. John Wesley Dobbs
330 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Dobbs:

This little leaflet, of which the Council printed several thousand, will be quite useful if it can be circulated.

I have sent it to all our members and I have asked various church bodies to get it out. I thought possible some of your lodges would be interested in it.

More if they can do any good.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.: 20

July 17, 1950

Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr.
Morris Brown College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bishop Wright:

Please try to find tim to read this little leaflet and put your mind on how to get it circulated. I have sent it to all the Council's members. I thought various church bodies would be interested in getting it out to churches in small towns.

It could do a lot of good. While the contents is not official, I have checked it carefully with the Public Housing Administration people, and they not only find nothing objectionable in it but are fairly enthusiastic about it.

More, gladly, to you if you wish them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encls.: 50

July 17, 1950

Rev. Harry V. Richardson
Gammon Theological Seminary
9 McDonough Boulevard, S.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Richardson:

If you can spare moments to read this, I am pretty sure you will like it. The next problem is how to get it seen and acted upon.

I have sent it to all my people -- 5,000 of them. I have asked the Methodists and the Baptists and the Presbyterians to do all they can about it. And I have taken it to Mr. Dobbs of the Masons and to Bishop Wright and to Mr. Borders. I have sent some also to Mr. Jamison.

I send you twenty-five and would love to send you as many more as you might see a use for.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

July 18, 1950

Rev. H. Brent Schaeffer
1525 Robinson Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Schaeffer:

Dr. Mitchell had to be out of the office this afternoon. He asked me to write for him and thank you for your letter of July 17 with its good news about your writing to all Mississippi members.

Dr. Mitchell has boxed up an ample supply of leaflets, return envelopes, and other material and will bring them with him on his trip to Mississippi next week.

He will be looking forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Beth Rogers, Secty. to
George S. Mitchell

July 18, 1950

Mrs. Ellen O'Gorman Duffy
Three Hills
Warm Springs, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Duffy:

The NCCJ's check for $500.00 has been received and duly acknowledged.

We are all grateful to you and the NCCJ for the substantial support and interest in this most important part of the Council's program. It will help a great deal to make the Rock Hill Self Survey both possible and productive.

We shall certainly advise you of its progress, as the Survey develops.

Again, our gratitude and appreciation.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Fleming
Survey Assistant

July 18, 1950

Rev. Kenneth G. Phifer
Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Phifer:

The NCCJ did duly appropriate $500.00, and have sent in the check. They put up that amount as a grant to SRC to enable aid to a Rock Hill survey. (The money comes from the NCCJ itself; Mr. Leon Lowenstein was not approached.)

We thought $300.00 ought to be saved back to be a good lump sum in hand when you get to the publication stage. If we also budget $80.00 for travel by our people to you, that would leave $120.00 as available for miscellaneous needs, mostly I should think in Rock Hill, and at the direction of the Rock Hill survey committee. We would propose that checks in that $120.00 be forwarded to the Rock Hill Committee on the basis of letters from the appropriate Committee officer, saying in general terms what expenditures would be covered.

At the end, there should be a financial statement which we could have available to support, with NCCJ, the due expenditure of what they put up.

If the Committee has other wishes, let us know. The main thing is to get the job done, flexibly, and locally.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM; jpf

July 19, 1950

Mr. Dana S. Creel
Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Inc.
50 West 50th Street
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Creel:

We are most grateful for this good notice.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

July 19, 1950

Mr. Charles Dollard
Carnegie Corporation of New York
522 Fifth Avenue
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Dollard:

I wanted to be sure this good account from the Herald Tribune reached you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

July 20, 1950

Mrs. Georgea Furst
Independent Aid, Inc.
41 East 57th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Furst:

We are grateful for this good notice.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

July 20, 1950

Mr. Richard L. Simon
Simon and Schuster
1230 Sixth Avenue
Rockefeller Center
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Simon:

We would like you to know about and be interested in the work of the Southern Regional Council.

Here is a friendly notice from the Herald Tribune.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

July 20, 1950

Mr. Frank Altschult
Overbrook Farm
River Bank
Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Altschult:

We would like you to form a good opinion of this established Southern organization. Here as an item is this good notice from the Herald Tribune.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

July 20, 1950

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Val Kill Cottage
Hyde Park
Dutchess County, New York

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

We were greatly pleased with this praise in the Herald Tribune.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

July 20, 1950

Mr. Marshall Field
211 West Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Field:

I am sure you will share our pleasure in this good notice in the Herald Tribune.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

July 20, 1950

Mr. Louis S. Weiss
61 Broadway
New York 6, New York

Dear Mr. Weiss:

Here is interesting notice in the Herald Tribune of the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

July 20, 1950

Mr. Christian Sonne
96 Wall Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Sonne:

We were greatly pleased with this helpful account in the Herald Tribune.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

July 20, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred D. Lasker
29 Beekman Place
New York, New York

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lasker:

We are greatly pleased with this helpful account in the Herald Tribune.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

July 20, 1950

Mr. John Hay Whitney
630 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Whitney:

We are greatly pleased with this helpful account in the Herald Tribune.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

July 20, 1950

Dr. Will W. Alexander
New Hope Farm, RFD #3
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Will:

Here is another bang-up story from the Herald Tribune.

I have already sent it around to most of the people we discussed.

Some extra copies for you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.: 10

July 20, 1950

Mr. R. W. Hudgens
American International Company
Room 5117, 49 West 49th Street
New York, New York

Dear Pete:

Here is another grand story from the Herald Tribune.

I send you five. If it is convenient to you, I would be grateful for your getting these copies to people who ought to have them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.: 5

July 20, 1950

Mrs. Max Ascoli
23 Gramercy Park South
New York 3, New York

Dear Mrs. Ascoli:

We are greatly pleased with this new story in the Herald Tribune.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

July 20, 1950

Mr. Lawrence I. Koch
318 Tyler Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Koch:

Here is a bang-up account of the effect of Race in the News. We've reprinted it. I send you twenty and will gladly send you more if they can be of any help.

I sent five to Shapiro.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.: 20

July 20, 1950

Mr. Manheim S. Shapiro
Community Relations Consultant
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

Here is a fine story from the Herald Tribune. I send you five, and I have sent twenty to Koch. More to either of you if they can be useful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.: 5

July 20, 1950

Mr. Harry Straus
Pisgah Forest, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Straus:

We are greatly pleased with this fine account in the Herald Tribune of the effect of Race in the News.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

July 20, 1950

Mr. Spencer Love
Burlington Mills
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Love:

We are greatly pleased with this fine account in the Herald Tribune of the effect of Race in the News.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

July 20, 1950

Mr. Sidney R. Redmond
2103-A Market Street
St. Louis 3, Missouri

Dear Mr. Redmond:

You will be interested in this good account in the Herald Tribune of a movement that our little pamphlet Race in the News has had a good deal to do with.

Sinceraly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

July 20, 1950

Mr. John Fischer
Harper and Brothers
49 East 33rd Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Jack:

Here is some more good praise in the Herald Tribune.

In the hope that you are still "in touch" with some of your friends about SRC, I send you several copies.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.: 6

July 20, 1950

Mrs. Edward Vinson
1974 Chelsea Circle, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Betty:

What way should we make use of this? We've got lots.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

July 20, 1950

Mr. Hodding Carter
504 Arnold Avenue
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Carter:

You were mighty kind in helping us get Race in the News out to the county weekly papers.

I thought you would be particularly interested in this story from the Herald Tribune.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

July 20, 1950

Mr. Calvin Kytle
Calhoun Times
Calhoun, Georgia

Dear Calvin:

We owe this good notice to your good writing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.: 5

July 20, 1950

Mr. John Wesley Dobbs
330 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Dobbs:

You were mighty kind in helping us get Race in the News out to the various county weeklies. It has gone long since to every one of the two thousand of them.

I thought you would be particularly interested in this fine account from the Herald Tribune of a movement which that pamphlet had a lot to do with.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.: 3

July 20, 1950

Mrs. Harry M. Gershon
1590 Harvard Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Rebecca:

That was mighty nice of you to help us, through Phil.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

July 20, 1950

Mr. Arthur Raper
Rt. 2, Box 72
Vienna, Virginia

Dear Arthur:

Here are five copies of a mighty nice story from the Herald Tribune about Race in the News.

Maybe you can get some of them to people who ought to see them.

Mighty nice to have seen you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.: 5

July 20, 1950

Mr. Philleo Nash
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Philleo:

Here is a good story from the Herald Tribune about Race in the News.

As you move about, will you have it on your mind that this show, which tries to do good, has a mighty hard time scraping together enough to live on? It may be that this or that individual you could talk to would care to help us.

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

Same letter to:

John Griffin
Rufus Clement
Josephine Wilkins
Grace Hamilton

July 20, 1950

Mr. Glenn W. Rainey
120 Third Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Glenn:

I thought you could make good use of some extra copies of this good story from the Herald Tribune.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.: 10

July 20, 1950

Mr. Frank P. Thomas
The Alabama Citizen
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Here is a nice account from the Herald Tribune of such changes as have been made.

I remember that you are going to help us in the Tuscaloosa area.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

July 20, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Bernstein
Glenwood Inn
Lake Placid, New York

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bernstein:

Nice of Mr. Bernstein to write, and I appreciate it.

We greatly look forward to seeing you in the Fall.

Meanwhile, here is a nice account from the Herald Tribune of one of our activities.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er
Encl.

July 20, 1950

Mr. R. D. Calkins, Director
General Education Board
49 West 49th Street
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Calkins:

Our modest trumpet again.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encl.

July 20, 1950

Mrs. Irving A. Cohn
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

I got the pamphlets off this morning. We will try to get a letter to you tomorrow with more recent revisions on police figures. Atlanta, by the way, now has twelve Negro policemen. I sent the old New South issue also because it contains the arguments, as against the 1949 one, which has only the tables.

On Race in the News, you will be interested in this fine story from the Herald Tribune.

I don't know just how to go about working in Louisiana on the "50 for '51" campaign. That's our main plan for a permanent base -- carefully devised by the good new Finance Committee. It is agreed that this office could not conduct from here a real campaign in each state to find the fifty people. In most states we are asking for a single State Chairman with a small committee who will push the campaign through. He will have the rest of the summer to lay plans, and should open it actively in the late summer. Then there is until January to find the fifty persons. You have done your full share of begging for us, and Felton Clark worked hard and got us quite a lot of new members, many of them at $10.00, along in June. There is also the proposal to get a Division going in the Fall.

What would you think of our convening a meeting at Baton Rouge (or elsewhere as may be suitable) about September 18 or 20 and trying simultaneously to set up a Division, get then and there a few of the fifty people, and set up a committee to hunt for the others?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

July 21, 1950

Professor J. W. Dees, Jr.
Head, Dept. of Sociology
University of Tampa
Tampa, Florida

Dear Professor Dees:

In reply to your letter of July 17, you have our permission to quote any selections you wish from the pamphlet Race in the News.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

July 21, 1950

Miss Mildred Oliver
Lovill - 70
A. S. T. C.
Boone, North Carolina

Dear Miss Oliver:

We regret to inform you that our Manual for the Home Town Self-Survey is temporarily out of print. Unfortunately, it will be at least a month or so before our revised edition can be printed.

We are sending you, instead, one copy each of By The People, the report of the Jacksonville, Florida, self-survey, and Greenville's Big Idea, the story of the recent self-survey in Greenville, S. C. You will find these two pamphlets in the attached envelope, along with a brief leaflet describing the self-survey technique itself. I hope that these materials will be of some use to you.

We will notify you when the revised edition of the Manual is in print, and if it is not too late for your purposes, perhaps you will want to order a copy then.

In the meantime, we are returning your [illegible] in stamps.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Fleming
Survey Assistant

Encl.: Stamps

July 21, 1950

Mr. Ralph A. Rose
American Friends Service Committee, Inc.
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Rose:

Many thanks for your helpful letter of July 18.

Here are some reprints of another fine article from the Herald Tribune, this time praising the influence of Race in the News. I send also the new issue of our leaflet What Kind of South Do You Want, which gives an up-to-date list of members of the Board.

We continue in need, particularly for means to carry through the later months of this year. I am glad to report, though, that our friends over the South have rallied and found us between $5,000 and $6,000 in cash, with another $3,000 or $4,000 to come in later on. We set a goal for our members in each State. Tennessee raised nearly $900, Georgia over $1,000, South Carolina over $1,000, New Orleans nearly $500, Texas $500, and scattered sums from the other States. Almost all of it came in quite small checks, from $5.00 to $25.00, from Negro and white members and well-wishers. Without at this stage making a careful calculation, we can claim pretty surely that about two-thirds of what we have spent so far this year has come from Southern sources. Still, a show of this kind cannot run without some good-sized amounts from people who represent the country as a whole.

For 1951 and thereafter, we are now getting under way a campaign to find 5,000 new ten-dollar members. If successful, that will put a solid base under us.

Do plan to come to see us when you can.

Meanwhile, I shall look forward to further

word from you. I will be glad to send you anything further you may wish in the way of analysis.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

July 21, 1950

Miss Ruth B. Hawes
3607 Seminary Avenue
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Ruth:

We live from hand to mouth, and you have no idea how quickly your most generous $50.00 will get into our mouths.

By way of thanking you, here is another grand story from the Herald Tribune.

Charlotte is in Vermont with Morris. Ellen insists on staying at home to practice basketball on the chance she may make the high school scrub team. Mary Mitchell Clifford wrote yesterday that she has accepted a job as a sort of hostess and president's assistant at the college at Evansville, Indiana, that will start in the Fall.

I have bought a new small English car and will drive it to Richmond late this summer and take you and Julia to Gum Tree anyhow. Incidentally, Ada won a Hanover County prize for the colored for home improvement a few months ago, and her granddaughter Vernelle, customarily known as Pooch, appeared 'tother day in the Hanover County News as secretary of the Gum Tree Home Demonstration Group, duly titled Miss Vernelle Green. I even hear that Houston has joined the CIO. So the world does move.

Affectionately,

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 21, 1950

Mr. Henry Lesesne
2512 Glenwood Road
Columbia 4, S. C.

Dear Mr. Lesesne:

I thought you might like to know that we are distributing reprints of your latest Herald-Tribune piece to our members and subscribers.

It gave the whole "Race in the News" movement a healthy push, and we are, once again, most grateful to you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming

enc.

July 21, 1950

Mr. J. M. Tydings
Lincoln Foundation
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Tydings:

"One pulse more of firm endeavor."

You remember that the special Board meeting last April picked a new Finance Committee. A good one. Glenn Rainey, John Griffin, Rufus Clement.

They and others have worked hard on this 50 for '51 scheme.

If we all push once more, good and hard, and get it over, it will put a permanent base under what we do.

Nobody could possibly cause it to operate, working simply from Atlanta. The job has to be done in each state.

In each state a Chairman ought to pick a small, faithful committee, two, three, or four people it seems to me, but more if he thinks best, and parcel out the task of finding fifty such $100-or-ten-new-$10.00-member people.

It is a whole lot to ask, but will you please do the job for Kentucky?

It isn't as though you had an immediate deadline. You've got until January. So things ought to begin to roll in September.

For my part, I will promise to give you some peace for a while after this one.

All the supplies and return envelopes and leaflets are printed and ready to use. We'll send them to you in a bundle.

Please heave a very considerable sigh and write me that you will pick up the job.

Hopefully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. For your general encouragement, here is another nice new story from the Herald Tribune. More reprints if they'll do you any good.

GSM:er
Encls.

July 21, 1950

Office of Hon. Frank P. Graham
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.
Attention: Mr. Lowenstein

Dear Mr. Lowenstein:

In response to your telephone call this afternoon, we are sending enclosed such information as we have on the economic advance of the Negro. As you will see, it is by no means complete. We had been holding it in the hope of supplementing it with detailed figures on employment and occupations, especially tabulated from Census data. We hope to have these figures by Monday, July 24, and, if so, will send them on to you promptly.

Sent 7/24/50 JPF

We are also sending, in the attached envelope, several of the Council's pamphlets which should be pertinent.

We hope this material will be of help to Senator Graham and only wish it could be more complete.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Fleming
Research Assistant

July 21, 1950

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I am greatly cheered by your most kind letter of yesterday.

I will send the memorandum early in August.

We are into a new period, of course, and the Council's program will have to change to meet it. It will be a time of strain, of much adjustment, of changes in many directions. It is certain to be a time when people of the Council's frame of mind can be extraordinarily useful.

Gordon Hancock wrote me four or five days ago that he had a long talk with Douglas Freeman, who is now a member of the Board of General Education Board, and Freeman had thought we ought again to be helped from there. Freeman said he would write forthwith to GEB and urge help. I think we could by this time put up a respectable showing of having secured the quality of Southern support that McQuiston talked about. Not yet perhaps the point he had in mind, but the story is not bad.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 24, 1950

Dr. Harold L. Trigg, President
St. Augustine's College
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Trigg:

Please put your thinking cap on and advise me soon how to proceed on the 50 for '51 campaign in North Carolina. The Finance Committee says, quite rightly, that it ought to be done by a strong Chairman and probably a good committee, though a small one, in each State. Maybe in some States a membership meeting would be called as part of the campaign.

Who ought we to ask to be Chairman in North Carolina, and whom should we ask on to the committee?

It is a mean job, I know, but rightly done it will take away the annual headache of squeezing out ten centses for the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

Encls.

July 24, 1950

Mr. John Q. Schisler
P. O. Box 871
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Schisler:

Thank you for your letter to Mr. Mitchell of July 21. He is out of the city this week, and will see it when he returns.

The 135 copies of the leaflet on small-town housing are being sent under separate cover. It is kind of you to mail them out.

And thank you for your check for $9.00.

Sincerely,

Beth Rogers
Secretary to George S. Mitchell

July 24, 1950

Editor
New Statesman and Nation
10, Great Turnstile
London, England

Dear Sir:

Would someone please be kind enough to help with delivery of this item?

Sincerely,

A Subscriber

George S. Mitchell:er
Encl.

July 24, 1950

Miss Ellen Winston, Commissioner
Executive Office
N. C. Board of Public Welfare
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Miss Winston:

This will acknowledge with thanks your helpful letter of July 20 informing us of the North Carolina law with regard to soliciting funds.

Dr. Mitchell is out of the office this week, to return Monday, July 31. You may be sure that he will give your letter and the enclosed application form prompt attention on his return.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF:er

July 24, 1950

Mr. William E. Cole
Dept. of Sociology
University of Tennessee
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Cole:

You will remember that when the Board met in April they set up a new Finance Committee. They picked a good one. Glenn Rainey, John Griffin, Rufus Clement. It happens, you see, that that touches friends of three leading educational institutions. Anyway, the Committee worked out the plan in this little green leaflet.

Obviously, I cannot from here conduct a campaign in each State to find the fifty people in that state. There must be a State Chairman for the campaign, and probably he ought to have a small, able committee. Maybe he would want a Statewide meeting of members, or several such Statewide meetings. It isn't a thing that has to be done in a great rush. Mercifully and wisely, there is all the time between now and January 1. The rest of the summer should be used to set things up and beginning in September the push should be made.

Mynders worked faithfully, generously, and successfully on finding nearly $900 in Tennessee this year. I hesitate to ask him to take on this job. Will you do it?

It is a lot to ask. But it has the great advantage that, rightly done, it will for good get us through with the business of begging everybody every year to give us ten cents.

We've got everything printed -- plenty of the green thing, plenty of return envelopes (misprint on "principles" and all!) and plenty of the new edition of What Kind of South Do You Want. We would put them in appropriate bundles or

envelopes, and do all that kind of thing for you that you might need.

"One pulse more of firm endeavor." Can you?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 24, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I begin to be a little worried about Cardinal Stritch's check. These hot summer months are hard times to get anything accomplished about money -- which gives us a doldrums times as far as receipts go. We have about $550 in the treasury toward the $950 it will take to meet the payroll at the end of this month. If you have any opportunity to bring any of your several cook pots off the stove, do take it.

What is your thoughts as to how we should handle 50 for '51 in Virginia? As a suggestion, I would say convene meetings of the Council's members in Richmond and in Norfolk. To get any attendance would take a lot of mailings to all your people. They would have to be written to early in August and given the date, and then notified again as the early September date approached. It may be that a small committee with people from the main cities would do as well.

Here is a grand reprint from the Herald Tribune on Race in the News. Many more if you can use them (25 going to you separately).

I will be in Alabama and Mississippi nearly all of next week.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

P.S. I have stirred my various irons, not thus far successfully. Straus is unavailable until the end of July. Alsop in Florida,

we have hopes has been written to by Daniel and interviewed by Daniel, and Daniel has again been prodded on the matter.

Gordon Hancock wrote me the other day that he had talked with Douglas Freeman, who felt we ought to be helped by GEB and undertook to write GEB to that effect.

I hear too from Charles Johnson that he plans to make an effort to get the John Hay Whitney Foundation to give us help, though they have been leery of helping established organizations. Johnson wants a lengthy memorandum from me next month, as he is to see Whitney in September.

The $500 from the NCCJ is in hand, and we have notified our friends in Rock Hill. Thank you for that.

Some more driblets came in today, and I feel confident we will meet the July 31 payroll one way or another.

GSM:er
Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

Dictated July 20, 1950

July 24, 1950

Mr. C. C. Spaulding
N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Spaulding:

I know you will be interested in this good account from the Herald Tribune of the influence of Race in the News. I am sure that the increased distribution of the pamphlet which the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company gave had a good deal to do with the effectiveness of the whole enterprise.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 24, 1950

Dr. Howard W. Odum
Dept. of Sociology
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Odum:

We are grateful for this good recognition from the Herald Tribune.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er
Encl.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 24, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar B. Stern
2110 American Bank Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Stern:

We were pleased with this good account of the influence of Race in the News.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 24, 1950

Mr. Donald Comer
Avondale Mills
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Comer:

Here is warm praise of the influence of our pamphlet Race in the News.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 24, 1950

Mrs. David R. Coker
Hartsville, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Coker:

I wanted to be sure that this good account of the influence of Race in the News reached you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 24, 1950

Mr. Roy M. Brown
Route 2
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Roy:

You were and are a good egg to pay that whole $9.00. We appreciate it a lot.

I am much in hopes that the work the North Carolina Interranial Commission did can be revived promptly now. Goodness knows, the need has been made plain. I have talked to Trigg and to Guy Johnson. Trigg was to see Gurney Hood and try to get the new North Carolina Division to hold a meeting and start things off again. The Division has, I believe, several hundred dollars in its own treasury and could begin to act.

The technical situation about dues is that members of the Southern Regional Council living in North Carolina automatically became members of the new North Carolina Division when last year the old North Carolina Commission converted itself into a State Division of the Council. As I understand it, the North Carolina Commission was in law merely its own small Board. It had hundreds of contributors over the State, but they were not actually members of it. Mr. Hood, along about February or March of this year, wrote to the contributors to the Commission and asked them to become members of the Council and pay their dues into the Atlanta office (which sends back half of the receipts to the treasury of the North Carolina State Division). I haven't the actual figures before me, but I would guess that sixty or seventy new North Carolina people did pay their dues in this manner to the Council. Thus, the Council now has in the State probably 300 to 350 members, and the former Commission has still several hundred friends who were its customary contributors. What I hope will be done is to convene all of them in the Fall and get the work going again. The best thing would be to engage a full-time or part-time Executive Secretary.

Sincerely,

GSM:er
Encls.

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

July 24, 1950

Mr. Lucien H. Tribus
Legal Counsel
Board of National Missions of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Tribus:

I am grateful for your letter of July 18.

The finding will preclude your visit to Atlanta, but come to see us when you happen to be in the city.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Mr. Mitchell's absence

July 24, 1950

Mr. John H. Wheeler
Mechanics & Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I know you will be interested in this good account from the Herald Tribune of the influence of Race in the News.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 24, 1950

Mr. Asa T. Spaulding
N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Spaulding:

I know you will be interested in this good account from the Herald Tribune of the good influence of Race in the News. I am sure that the increased distribution of the pamphlet which the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company gave had a good deal to do with the effectiveness of the whole enterprise.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 24, 1950

Mr. Charles Magill Smith
1211 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Charles:

Greetings!

This is a nice story from the Herald Tribune. I send you three, hoping there is someone else you can get it to.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 24, 1950

Mr. S. T. Marcus
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Marcus:

I recall with pleasure your kindness on the occasion of a visit from Mr. Atwood and me last year, and if I am not mistaken you have helped the Council again since then.

I send you as some evidence that we make a dent, this good account from the Herald Tribune of the influence of our little pamphlet "ace in the News.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 24, 1950

Mr. D. W. Uzzle
1004 W. Forest Hills Boulevard
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Uzzle:

We continue to be grateful for your help to the Council.

I send you as evidence of our usefulness this good account from the Herald Tribune of the influence of Race in the News.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

Same letter to all on FCW's list

July 25, 1950

Mrs. J. I. Blount
2768 Hanover Circle
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Blount:

This comes to you as President of the Alabama Council of Church Women.

We put together a few days ago this little leaflet. It describes a new housing program which can be very useful in small towns.

What the Council did was to take fourteen pages of government procedure and boil it down into this simple leaflet. And while it is unofficial, it is believed to be accurate.

I do hope that you will be concerned to get it into the hands of people in Alabama who could begin to take action in their towns.

More copies for you if you need them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:en
Encls.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 25, 1950

Mr. Theodore R. Speigner
North Carolina College at Durham
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Speigner:

Here is a remarkable account from the Herald Tribune of the influence of Race in the News.

I send you some extra ones thinking they may be useful to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 25, 1950

Mr. C. C. Spaulding
N.C. Mutual Life Ins. Co.
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Spaulding:

It occurs to me that a few extra copies of this story might be useful to you, so I send five. More if you should wish them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 25, 1950

Mr. G. D. Rogers
1416 North Boulevard
Tampa, Florida

Dear Mr. Rogers:

We are all much pleased with this fine account from the Herald Tribune of the influence of Race in the News.

I am sure that your extra distribution of the pamphlet helped substantially.

I send you some extra ones thinking there might be people to whom you would wish to send it.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 25, 1950

Miss Gertrude Weil
200 West Chestnut Street
Goldsboro, North Carolina

Dear Miss Weil:

I am sure you will be interested in this good account from the Herald Tribune of the fairer attitude these days of Southern newspapers.

It is particularly important to get the work in North Carolina going again. The North Carolina Division has some money in its treasury and with renewed activity in the State by its friends can begin to fill its proper place.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 25, 1950

Mr. Reuben Robertson
Champion Fibre and Paper Company
Canton, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Robertson:

We recall with appreciation your generous aid last year to the Council.

As some evidence that we make a dent, I send you this interesting account from the Herald Tribune of the fairer handling of news in Southern papers.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

Signed in Dr, Mitchell's absence

July 25, 1950

Mr. Robert M. Hanes
140 Stratford Road
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Hanes:

Here is an interesting account from the Herald Tribune of the influence of our pamphlet last year called Race in the News.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 26, 1950

Mr. James Furman Herbert, Pastor
407 Roanoke Avenue
Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Herbert:

Thank you for your recent letter and renewal of membership, along with the fine contribution from your church.

The date for our annual meeting has not yet been determined. However, it will be some time in the second week in November. You are most certainly welcome to attend, and notification will be mailed in time for you to make plans.

We are interested in having all our membership take an active part in the Council's program, and we do hope circumstances will permit your attendance at the meeting.

Again, thank you for your continued interest and support.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

July 26, 1950

Miss Caroline Gillespie
Clarendon Hotel
Zanesville, Ohio

Dear Caroline:

I am asking Jane Fleming to write you about her visit to your territory.

I dictated these letters when I found early in your letter of July 17 a request that I write these birds and ask them for appointments for you.

Then I read on over to the end, and you said you wanted to get letters off yourself asking for appointments when you heard from me. I am sending on these letters, which have been typed, but not dated or signed, and which can go from here if you say so. I don't know any of the people except Ruth Morton more or less and Purks at GEB.

I say it is fifty-fifty whether you write or I write.

If you don't like these letters, I will change some words.

I do not know how to get to see Mr. Bernard Baruch. Wish I did.

We know Captain Spencer and like him. Have not heard from him.

You know I praise all you plan.

You also know that we all thank you for the five dollars.

Come back to Atlanta when you can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 25, 1950

Miss Frances Woolford
1609 Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Woolford:

John Griffin has suggested that some of our material might be helpful to you in your forthcoming trip to Europe.

I am sending separately a packet of our publications which deal with progress in various aspects of race relations. I should like to call your attention particularly to the pamphlet "Greenville's Big Idea". That record of interracial cooperation has been duplicated in several other Southern communities, and we hope to see it spread as a pattern of improvement throughout the South.

If we can be of any further help, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

Memo

July 26, 1950

TO: Staff

FROM: nh

RE: Community survey, Rock Hill, S.C.

Separate accounting must be kept for this project. It will help if you will note and notify me of any special work done in connection with this survey.

Please give me a memo of the following:

1. Time spent in working on the project, i.e. correspondence, mailing of literature, research, etc.

2. Telephone or telegraph

3. Literature sold or given, postage.

4. Anything else

The Southern Regional Council, Inc.

63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.

ATLANTA, GA.

July 27, 1950

Mr. E. Paul Harding
310 South Mendenhall Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Paul:

Here are five copies of the last New South with the Tuskegee speech which you asked for.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er
Encls.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

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July 27, 1950

Mr. Sol Sutker
Department of Sociology
Oklahoma A & M College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear Sol:

Here's the dope on the "50 for '51."

I should think you could get us ten, and we would be tremendously grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.: 3 leaflets
15 envelopes

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 27, 1950

Bishop J. W. E. Bowen
250 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bishop Bowen:

This is to thank you for your letter to Dr. Mitchell of July 26, which arrived in his absence from the city.

I am enclosing 26 copies of the leaflet on the small-town housing program for distribution to district superintendents, and as many copies as they might wish would be available to them.

We would be glad to let you have more also if you would like them.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rogers
Secretary to Dr. Mitchell

July 27, 1950

Mr. Hugo C. Schwartz, Director
Detroit Field Office
Public Housing Administration
1800 Cadillac Tower
Detroit 26, Michigan

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

Thank you for your letter of the 25th, which arrived in Dr. Mitchell's absence from the city.

I am very sorry to have to say that the manual on the home town self-survey which you have ordered is now completely out of stock. It will not be reprinted, but a revision is now under way. Would you like for us to hold your order and send you one when it is printed?

Sincerely,

Beth Rogers
Secretary to Dr. Mitchell

July 27, 1950

Mr. Alfred Mynders
The Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mynders:

Enclosed is a statement of dues return representing one-half of the dues payments in January and February 1950.

I sent the check for $16.00 to Mrs. Smith with the wish that it were possible to keep our payments current.

We do appreciate your efforts on behalf of the Council. They have helped a great deal. The total amount from Tennessee comes to $828.00.

Our best regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

July 27, 1950

Mr. C. C. Spaulding
Box 201
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Spaulding:

Enclosed is our statement of dues return representing one-half of the dues payments in January 1950.

I sent this, along with our check, to Mr. Gurney Hood. I have been in doubt as to whether to send the check to you or to Mr. Hood, and since Mr. Hood has endorsed some of the checks made out to the North Carolina Division, I sent our check on to him. I should appreciate hearing from you as to whom the checks should be sent.

Your membership dues have been coming in very well, and at the present, we owe the North Carolina Division a goodly sum. We do wish it were possible to keep current the monthly dues return.

Our kindest regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

July 27, 1950

Mr. J. M. Tydings
Lincoln Institute
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Tydings:

Enclosed is a statement representing one-half of the dues return for the Kentucky Division in January and February 1950.

I sent this statement, along with a check for $11.50, to Mrs. ~~White~~ Young. We do sincerely want to keep our payments of dues current, but, as you know, it has been impossible.

We are in receipt of the two recent contributions of Julian Price Love and C.C. King. Our records do not show either of them to be members. If you think they would be interested in memberships or a complimentary subscription to New South, I will be glad to enter either for them upon receiving their addresses from you.

The Kentucky total of the pledge is now $285.50.

Our kindest regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

July 28, 1950

Miss Marjorie Minkler, Executive Secretary
Bureau of Town and Country Work
Woman's Division of Christian Service of
Board of Missions and Church Extension
Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Marjorie,

In checking over the files, I find that the check for one thousand dollars ($1,000) from the Woman's Division to the Southern Regional Council was sent last August. We would certainly appreciate if this check could come to us now.

I do not have to sell the Southern Regional Council to you because you are as sold on it as I am. I know you will do your best to have the check forthcoming.

Please keep in mind our conversation about increasing this appropriation for another year.

Love and thanks,

July 28, 1950

Dr. A. D. Beittel
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Dr. Beittel:

You have certainly done well to bring your pledge payments to within $60.00 of your pledge, especially since so much of your effort has come in the slow summer months.

I enclose a list of all the contributors in Alabama. All have been acknowledged.

All send their kindest regards and gratitude for your help.

We can give you promotional material if you can use it.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

July 28, 1950

Miss Edna G. Robeson
1260 N. W. 31st St.
Miami, Florida

Dear Miss Robeson:

Thank you for your letter of July 24. We are sorry you have been ill and shall continue sending New South to you through 1950 since you need and can use the material. At the beginning of 1951 we will bill you for $3.00 for that year.

We would like to continue sending New South to you indefinitely, but unfortunately this is impossible on our present slender financial basis. Perhaps by January you will be able to take care of the $3.00 dues for 1951.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Winona Dawkins
Membership Secretary

July 28, 1950

Mrs. H. M. Russell
405 Lincoln Avenue
Newport, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Russell:

The Southern Regional Council has material that would be of help in the study toward a Christian community. We are sending you a sample packet, attached, and will be able to send you any amount on consignment. The prices of single copies are listed. The total packet, however, ordered as listed, will be just fifty cents.

WANTED:.THE SOUTH'S FUTURE FOR THE NATION	$ .20
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NEW SOUTH, June, THREE DECISIONS	.05
SMALL TOWN SLUMS - HOW TO GET NEW HOUSES	Free
FELLOWSHIP OF THE CONCERNED	Free

With best wishes for a good school of missions,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:er

July 28, 1950

Mrs. Fred L. Martin
750 Howard Lake
Winter Haven, Florida

Dear Mrs. Martin:

The Southern Regional Council has material that would be of help in the study toward a Christian community. We are sending you a sample packet, attached, and will be able to send you any amount on consignment. The prices of single copies are listed. The total packet, however, ordered as listed, will be just fifty cents.

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July 28, 1950

Mrs. E. C. Rogers
1735 East Cervantes Street
Pensacola, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Rogers:

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July 28, 1950

Mrs. L. L. Jackson
1413 Cleburne Ave.
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Jackson:

The Southern regional Council has material that would be of help in the study toward a Christian community. We are sending you a sample packet, attached, and will be glad to send you any amount on consignment. The prices of single copies are listed. The total packet, however, ordered as listed, will be just fifty cents.

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MET:wgd

July 28, 1950

Mrs. N. P. Edens
Kittrell, N. C.

Dear Mrs. Edens:

The Southern Regional Council has material that would be of help in the study toward a Christian community. We are sending you a sample packet, attached, and will be glad to send you any amount on consignment. The prices of single copies are listed. The total packet, however, ordered as listed, will be just fifty cents.

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Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:wgd

July 28, 1950

Mrs. S. Reaves Gaston
217 Poplar Circle, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Gaston:

The Southern Regional Council has material that would be of help in the study toward a Christian community. We are sending you a sample packet, attached, and will be able to send you any amount on consignment. The prices of single copies are listed. The total packet, however, ordered as listed, will be just fifty cents.

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Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:wgd

July 28, 1950

Mrs. W. R. McCormack
Corinth, Miss.

Dear Mrs. McCormack:

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MET:wgd

July 28, 1950

Mrs. W. E. DuRant
Elliott, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. DuRant:

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Mrs. Scott A. Edwards
501 East 50th St.
Savannah, Ga.

Dear Mrs. Edwards:

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July 28, 1950

Mrs. Grady L. Wall
127 Fifth Ave., South
Franklin, Tenn.

Dear Mrs. Wall:

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MET:wgd

July 28, 1950

Miss Lilian Walker
2005 Beverly Drive
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Miss Walker:

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MET:wgd

July 28, 1950

Dr. Aaron Brown, President
Albany State College
Albany, Georgia

Dear Dr. Brown:

I take pleasure in sending you a copy of a note of some months ago by the Council on African students in Southern states.

The Council and its members would wish to be helpful in broadening opportunities for these young persons.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

July 31, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Beittel
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear The Beittels:

My thanks for Mrs. Beittel's kind invitation for luncheon on Thursday, August 10, which I here formally accept. I have written Mr. Trenholm to tell him that I can't be at his service until four o'clock that afternoon and hope that is all right. If he requires me earlier, I will have to change plans, but I hope not.

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

July 31, 1950

AIR MAIL

Mr. Felton Clark, President
Southern University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Clark:

I see that you are to speak at the occasion for Mr. Trenholm on Thursday. Do try to get him to emulate your own fine example in building Southern Regional Council membership in the State.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

July 31, 1950

Miss L. Claudia Allen
P. O. Box 1124
Orlando, Florida

Dear Miss Allen:

In billing our members who joined the Council in the month of August, I came across your card. According to our records, on July 12, 1949 you sent in a check for three dollars ($3.00) which paid your dues through July 1949, and paid one dollar ($1.00) on dues from August 1949 until July 1950. Dues were increased in late 1948 from $2.00 to $3.00.

Therefore, if we are correct, you still owe $2.00 more to be paid up through July 1950. Also, dues of $3.00 for the forthcoming year are now payable. We would appreciate receiving your check for $5.00 which would pay you up through July 1951.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Winona Dawkins
Membership Secretary

July 31, 1950

Mr. J. T. Brooks
Alabama State College
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Brooks:

I should like to add my own and the Southern Regional Council's cordial appreciation of Mr. Trenholm's twenty-five years of service to the cause of education in Alabama.

His energy and wisdom have directed the growth throughout a large part of the whole educational system of the State. I had myself the other day an opportunity to understand, in conference with groups of teachers at the College, the high degree of ability and alert interest which Alabama teachers display.

Mr. Trenholm has been a valued principal officer of the Southern Regional Council's Alabama Division from its beginning, and we are most grateful for his generous sharing of his time and interest in promoting in this way the cause of interracial understanding and a common citizenship in Alabama.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

July 31, 1950

Mr. R. F. McGregor
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dear Mr. McGregor:

Here is a new leaflet with the main facts about the Council. For more background I send you a copy of an older leaflet. And on page 6 of the copy of New South you will find a commendatory resolumtion of the Synod of the Province of Sewanee. I believe the Province customarily makes a small donation to the Council.

We would greatly like to have you as a member. If you will tell us any of your friends whom we should cultivate, we would be happy to send them material.

A year or two ago there was a good deal of discussion in Oak Ridge about making a Home Town Self-Survey. I do wish that could revive and now go through. I send a copy of the report of the recent Greenville Survey, which has already accomplished a lot.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

Blind CC: Norma Huff

July 31, 1950

Mr. H. Councill Trenholm
State Teachers College
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Trenholm:

I have been away, as you know, and therefore saw only today on my return, your kind letter of July 11 sending in $15.00. That was indeed gracious of you, and we are deeply appreciative.

I had a good time at your college and thank you for your kindnesses. It will be a pleasure to be at your services on August 10. My present plan is to drive by way of Talladega, having luncheon with the Beittels, and arriving at Alabama State College for four o'clock in the afternoon of the tenth. If I am to be needed earlier, let me know, and I will cancel the stop at Talladega.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

July 31, 1950

Miss Fannye Ponder
1313 Fifth Avenue, South
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dear Miss Ponder:

In cross checking our records, we find that on January 18, 1949, you paid two dollars to the Southern Regional Council. However, we can find nothing which indicates that a membership or subscription to New South was entered for you.

We deeply regret this error and would like to enter a membership for you at this time. Our former Secretary-Treasurer was ill at the time your check came to us, and since that time we have had several changes in personnel.

Membership is $3.00 per year and a subscription to New South is $1.50. However, in view of our grave mistake and your past payment, I should be glad to enter a membership for you now without any further payment from you.

Please accept our apology. We appreciate your interest in the Council, and shall be glad to hear from you and do whatever you advise.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

July 31, 1950

Mrs. D. H. Stocking
Box 1268
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mrs. Stocking:

In checking through our books we find that you joined the Council last January and sent us three dollars dues for 1950. At that time, our former secretary-treasurer was ill and had been for some time. For some obscure reason, you were never entered as a member and so have not been receiving our monthly magazine New South, for which we are extremely sorry.

I am sending you today under separate cover a selection of our pamphlets and all back issues of New South for this year. We deeply regret this error occurred.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Winona Dawkins
Membership Secretary

July 31, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Spencer
Box 136
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Spencer:

We are sincerely grateful for your recent generous contribution to the program of the Southern Regional Council.

It has been most encouraging to have your continued interest and support.

With the thought that you might be interested in an editorial about the Council, I enclose a reprint.

"The Southern Press and the Negro", an editorial of July 8th in the New York Herald Tribune, is being mailed to you under separate cover. We wish you success in your efforts with the local papers and will be happy to send more reprints, if you can use them.

Our many thanks and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

July 31, 1950

Reverend J. R. Cole
1408 Thirteenth Avenue
Meridian, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Cole:

Mr. Buford O. Buckley has suggested that you might be interested in the work of the Southern Regional Council.

We are sending you a leaflet which describes the Council and extend to you a cordial invitation to become a member. A membership blank is provided at the back of the leaflet.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

July 31, 1950

Mr. T. M. Bell
Alcorn A. & M. College
Alcorn, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Bell:

Mrs. Helen DuBose of Alcorn has suggested that you might be interested in the work of the Southern Regional Council.

I enclose a leaflet which describes our program and extend to you a cordial invitation to become a member. A membership blank is provided at the back of the leaflet.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

July 31, 1950

Mr. Richard Brandon
Winona, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Brandon:

Mr. B. V. Johnson of Alcorn has suggested that you might be interested in the work of the Southern Regional Council.

We are enclosing a leaflet which describes the Council and extend a cordial invitation to join our membership. A blank is provided in the back of the leaflet.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

July 31, 1950

Rev. Lee Nichols
118 Palmetto Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Nichols:

In checking through our books we find that you joined the Council last January and sent us three dollars dues for 1950. At that time, our former secretary-treasurer was ill and had been for some time. For some obscure reason, you were never entered as a member and so have not been receiving our monthly magazine New South, for which we are extremely sorry.

I am sending you today under separate cover a selection of our pamphlets and all back issues of New South for this year. We deeply regret this error occurred.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Winona Dawkins
Membership Secretary

July 31, 1950

Mr. George O. Sumner
251 Weaver Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Sumner:

In checking through our books we find that you joined the Council last January and sent us three dollars dues for 1950. At that time, our former secretary-treasurer was ill and had been for some time. For some obscure reason, you were never entered as a member and so have not been receiving our monthly magazine New South, for which we are extremely sorry.

I am sending you today under separate cover a selection of our pamphlets and all back issues of New South for this year. We deeply regret this error occurred.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Winona Dawkins
Membership Secretary

July 31, 1950

Mr. William DuBose
Bethune Cookman College
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. DuBose:

In checking through our books we find that you joined the Council last January and sent us three dollars dues for 1950. At that time, our former secretary-treasurer was ill and had been for some time. For some obscure reason, you were never entered as a member and so have not been receiving our monthly magazine New South, for which we are extremely sorry.

I am sending you today under separate cover, a selection of our pamphlets and all back issues of New South for this year. We deeply regret this error occurred.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Winona Dawkins
Membership Secretary

August 1, 1950

Mrs. St. Julien Childs
73 King Street
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Childs:

I was very glad to have your letter with enclosed clippings.

We have corrected your membership to a single membership.

The clipping is valuable to our files, and we are grateful for your interest in writing Mr. Hamilton and sending the information on to us.

Our annual membership meeting will be sometime in November and notification will be mailed to you. We do hope you will plan to attend.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 1, 1950

AIR MAIL

Mr. George McMillan
Vacation Course
University of London
Canterbury Hall
Cartwright Gardens
London W.C. 1, England

Dear George:

I had figured out about what had happened. I know enough about writing to know the jams it gets one into. Also, as I told you, I spent three good years in England trying to revise a quite humdrum piece of writing. So I had had no expectation that you would put together the stuff until after you get back.

The thing to save out of the trip is bonny Scotland!

My best wishes to you both.

Sincerely,

GSM:er

August 1, 1950

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

One of my oddities is faith in this notion of humus and organic farming. I know it is a nutty sect, but I like it. Its devotees subscribe to a magazine called The Organic Farmer. The July, 1950, issue has as its lead article paeans of praise for a bulletin lately put out by the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, Windsor, Connecticut -- Bulletin 536, April, 1950, entitled Granite Stone Meal As a Source of Potash for Tobacco. Author, T. R. Swanback. Long quotations from the honorable Swanback's publication.

The background of it all is that the organic guys object to the manner in which potash is generally made "available" to plants by mixing it with acid. It is argued that the potash duly gets to the plants, but the acid goes into the soil to kill the bugs, microbes, fishing worms, and other beneficials. They are crowing because the man Swanback says that plain, ordinary, ground-up granite rock containing potash is blooming good stuff for tobacco. This is supposed to prove that ground potash-bearing rock provides available potash.

The Connecticut guys got their rock from granite quarries in Massachusetts having an unusually high content of potash.

Then comes a key paragraph from the Bulletin, as follows:

> "The potash-bearing minerals in granite are the potash feldspars and the micas, of which the latter contain the most easily released potash. From time to time attempts have been made to utilize the material in agriculture. In 1912, Hiltner working with seradella (a European fodder plant) in water cultures, observed that the plants grew vigorously in solutions to which acidic granite was added.

> Söderbaum reported that granite meal gave good results as a source of potash. This was attributed to the fact that the potash was largely in the form of mica."

I know you live fairly close to the mica mines in North Carolina.

If you have a chance, it might well be worth while to see whether some waste product of the mica mines might not become extremely valuable as a fertilizer. I picture a magnificent new industry for North Carolina.

Trust not the ordinary County Agent. They are trained in orthodoxy and are alleged to have links with the fertilizer industry, which in the eyes of my sect is the Demon himself. Neither would I trust too far the TVA, which gaily whoops up a sulphuric acid phosphate.

If this tempts you at all, I suggest that you get a sample of whatever material is available and privily cause it to be analyzed. Then you could get a corner on the world supply. My price: ten percent of the royalties, benefit of SRC.

Sincerely, and with warm regards to you both,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

August 1, 1950

Miss Lipscomb
Jackson State College for Negro Teachers
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Miss Lipscomb:

When I got back, I remembered your wish to have a full set of New South. By unprecedented robbing of the files and begging of one here and one there, I got a set together and have mailed it off to you.

We think it is of more good at Jackson College all put together than it is reposing in our files.

Giftie, in some thanks for the College's kindness to me.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 1, 1950

Mr. Coleman C. Walker
Bankers Trust Company
New York, New York

Dear Coleman:

I have carried about in my pocketbook for a year, a notice that you are in Winston-Salem and that I should hunt you up. Now The Oxonian tells me that you are translated.

I would tremble a bit at coming into the offices of a vice-president of the Bankers Trust Company, but I may some day buck courage to try it. Anyway, I would like to see you. Among my pleasant Oxford memories, none are fonder than your friendship in that great panelled room.

If you find somebody New Yorkwards aching to assist financially a good cause, I praise here this Southern Regional Council which I work for.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

August 1, 1950

Mr. James Chrietzberg
Deatsville, Alabama

Dear Mr. Chrietzberg:

It was very nice to talk with you the other day.

On an off-chance of its being useful, I send you something about mud bricks. I think the Bitudobe people would cheerfully send you a sample five-gallon bucket for experiment -- a small educational project in themselves.

It was a delight to meet somebody else who sees that the place to put vocational education is in farm country.

Maybe you would be willing to become a member of our Council. We print a little monthly magazine which is often useful. In any case, please keep me in touch with what you do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

August 1, 1950

Mrs. Irving Cohn
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

I kept getting word that I might hope for a phone call from you Saturday, but none came. I would judge that you either didn't come through Atlanta, or came through at an hour that made you timid about calling (notoriously sleepy) me. But I am cheerfully not sleepy when so valued a member and friend is supposedly hereabouts.

I send you ten copies of the Herald Tribune article. More if they would help you out.

Many thanks for your new members.

When you have talked with Dr. Dent about a Fall meeting at Baton Rouge let me know and I will get in touch further with Mr. Clark.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 1, 1950

Mr. Archie Robertson
3445 38th Street, N.W.
Washington 16, D. C.

Dear Archie:

Very nice to get news. I come to Washington at the end of the summer one way or another and will look you up, and Hallie, too, if I can find her.

You and Brooks have a good scheme. The thing to be careful about is that what you print shall be duly regardful of all the things the modern Southern Negro is sensitive about.

Nobody has done a proper story about the Greenville Survey. George McMillan is doing an article about the Council in general for Life magazine, but I should think its chance of acceptance small. It will have a paragraph or two about the Greenville Survey.

It had some newspaper coverage, particularly an AP story that was widely carried. The AP story had a lead that tied the survey back to the Willie Earle lynching. That, I think, was broadly legitimate, though Greenville, I believe, would hardly say the survey was made in expiation.

It is worth a magazine article, and I do wish you would write it.

I drove through Wake Forest three or four weeks ago and by good luck saw Jack and his wife and the baby. A very happy family.

Love to you all.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

CC: Norma Huff

August 1, 1950

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

We wrote you June 30 trying to fix a date for a September meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council. We then said September 9 had been set by the Committee itself, with September 16 as a possible but less desirable alternate.

We hesitate to get out the notices until we hear from you which date gives you your best chance to get here.

I remember that in your recent letter you said your New York trip might make it impossible for you to come to Atlanta. But I still want to take every chance of having you present.

Can you let us know which date is less unlikely?

The Committee set up a rule a year and a half or so ago that anybody who missed all meetings in a full year would have to be replaced. I am deeply anxious not to try to find anybody to fill your place -- as member and as Chairman! I suppose there would be a final out on that, though, if you could be present at the meeting of the Committee just before the membership meeting, which comes this year, I believe, on November 8.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 1, 1950

Mr. Nick Read
4303 Elm Street
Chevy Chase, Maryland

Dear Nick:

Why in the dickens is it that the good eggs in this world get most of the trouble? I do greatly hope that you get some smoother sailing from now on out. But what with the war, I doubt if things will be easy.

How very kind indeed of you to send our needy Council so fat a check. We were struggling this very morning to patch together a few dollars to meet the payroll, and I think your check brings us to or almost to the line. Our cordial appreciation.

You are nice to praise my family. 'Tis true I have got a good wife! Our home is yours whenever you are near, and please come to see us.

I was in Montgomery just a few days ago and could have looked up your mother and your children. I am to go back August 10 to give a summer school commencement speech at a Negro college and shall try to find your Baroness.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

August 1, 1950

Mr. W. H. Dinkins
Selma University
Selma, Alabama

Dear Mr. Dinkins:

I enjoyed the small visit with you, and your kind recollections of my father.

I do wish you and others at the College would become members of the Council. We need more strength in your good State.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

CC: A. D. Beittel

August 1, 1950

Dr. D. V. Jemison
1603 Lapsley Street
Selma, Alabama

Dear Dr. Jemison:

I was sorry to miss you the other day at Selma, but happy to have the opportunity to talk with Mrs. Jemison and to meet your daughter.

Do help us find some more members. I send you a leaflet about our forthcoming "50 for '51" Campaign. Do you think you could be so very kind as to undertake to find us ten new such members between now and 1951?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

August 1, 1950

Miss Lillie Hundley
1001 West Ninth Street
Plainview, Texas

Dear Miss Hundley:

I have lately had occasion to write to a number of SRC members whose dues are unpaid for two years or so. Our records are pretty simple, but they show your migration to Shanghai. I took a chance that you were back on this side and wrote Guy Johnson for your address, which he has kindly given me.

You were letter-perfect about paying Council dues in 1945 and 1946 and 1947. What with all that has happened, I quite understand why we show a gap since then.

To pay you up completely through 1950 would cost the whole sum of $9.00, which I think is steep. In any case, I shouldn't expect a missionary to be rich. But if you could send a small check, we would mark you as entirely current, and would be most happy to do so.

I do hope the Council's publications have been of interest to you.

I assume that the last several numbers have not reached you and send some herewith.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

August 1, 1950

Mr. Philip Seltner
Oglethorpe University
Oglethorpe University, Georgia

Dear Phil:

The first article in this issue of The American Oxonian describes what my sometime Master at Balliol is doing in a new College in England. Quite close, it seems to me, to the problem you are working at.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

August 1, 1950

Lord Lindsay of Birker, Principal
University College of North Staffordshire
Stoke-on-Trent, England

Dear Master:

I greatly enjoyed reading your account of the new College in the American Oxonian for July. It was the first time I had really understood the good thing you are doing.

My warm regards for you and yours.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Enclosure

August 1, 1950

Mrs. Elgin Davis
404½ North Westland Avenue
Tampa, Florida

Dear Mrs. Davis:

We have been cross-checking our records and find no evidence that you have been receiving our publication, New South.

I do not understand how records for a long-standing member as yourself could have gotten misplaced. We have had several incidences of illnesses on our staff and some change of personnel, and we do hope that you will accept our regret for this error.

There is a record indicating that you renewed your membership May 2, 1949, which paid you through April 1950.

If we have failed to send you New South, I shall be glad to either send you those issues lacking, or continue your membership for a year from this date.

We shall look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

August 1, 1950

Reverend and Mrs. Howard D. French
98 Palmer Avenue
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Mr. and Mrs. French:

Last December Mrs. Lucius Eastman gave you a joint membership in the Southern Regional Council.

At this time our former Secretary-Treasurer was ill and we had a number of changes in personnel. As a result, we find no record that you have been receiving our publication, New South.

We deeply regret this long-standing error and wish to make amends. Please let us know if the above address is correct and if you wish us to send you back issues of New South, or if you would prefer your membership to begin now and expire next July.

Please accept our apology. We shall look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 1, 1950

Dr. Fred L. Brownlee
287 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Dr. Brownlee:

Thank you for your check for ten dollars ($10.00) sent in to us at the end of June. This pays your membership up until November 1951.

In checking over the books, I find that in June 1948 you subscribed to New South for three friends in Africa. In June 1949 these subscriptions were renewed, according to our records, which paid them up until June 1950. Also, I find a note that you are receiving 25 copies of New South at your New York address each month. Payment for these was due again in July.

Please advise us whether or not you wish us to continue sending the subscriptions to Africa and the 25 copies to you. It so happens that our membership secretary is ill and has been in Cleveland, Ohio all summer for treatment. Our former secretary-treasurer left the Council in March. Therefore, we are not clear as to arrangements with regard to these subscriptions and would appreciate your giving us the details.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Winona Dawkins
Acting Membership Secretary

August 2, 1950

Mr. Thomas F. Byrd
Wingdale, New York

Dear Mr. Byrd:

Would you have opportunity to check with the Northern Presbyterians? They never have sent us anything, and both you and I felt that they had committed themselves to granting us a goodish sum.

Greetings!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

August 2, 1950

Mr. A. D. Beittel, President
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Mr. Beittel:

I have been interested in the effort to get the United States to adhere to the Genocide Convention. It is a cause fervently worked for by many Jewish people in this country. Unfortunately, some of the opposition to United States adherence has come from the South, on the ground that the treaty would put before international courts of justice deeds of actual or alleged racial discrimination in the South, being deeds for which State jurisdiction alone has been, as we all know, safeguarded with the greatest jealousy.

The Council cannot agitate or even press for a specific legislative action. But I think it would be helpful if you found the time to see what the problem is and be available as a participant in public or private discussion as to it.

The enclosed two memoranda lay it all out carefully.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

MEMORANDUM August 3, 1950

To: Jane Fleming

From: GSM

A priest here inthe office today from Spartanburg said that city now has one uniformed Negro policeman on duty, and he expects it soon to have two.

He also said Jacksonville, Florida now has Negro police.

August 3, 1950

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Department of Sociology
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Guy:

You will be interested in this correspondence. It probably had best be returned for our files.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

August 3, 1950

Miss Marguerite Hawkins, Assistant Treasurer
Home Department
Woman's Division of Christian Service of the
Board of Missions and Church Extension
Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Hawkins:

We are deeply grateful for your annual contribution, check NC37729, for $1000.00. Please express our appreciation to Miss Minkler and your fine organization.

Your contribution comes to us at a time of great need, and we all extend our thanks for your consideration and continued interest in our work.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 3, 1950

Mr. Gideon W. Fryer
12 Fort Charles Place
New York 63, New York

Dear Mr. Fryer:

I am interested in your letter and in you.

I went out and talked to John Griffin, now teaching sociology at Emory, and a man who travels a lot and hears a lot.

The only possible vacancy that he knows of is at Northern Alabama State Teachers College, Florence. He suggests that you might write to Dr. Hilda Gilbert there.

All the colleges have lost students and are reducing staff, and of course are reducing in the category of new young instructors that you would be joining. That makes it tough.

Are you quite sure you are right to teach this coming year instead of driving on through for your degree?

Yes, I was at Pleasant Hill two or three years ago, and got to be with the Fellowship group this summer somewhere up in the mountains. I am long on fellowship, but I make little claim to being a Churchman. We are both KAs, but certainly fallen from grace.

Goodrichville harbors relatives of my wife. Nomine, Connell.

Keep me in touch with what happens. I wish I could help. You are just the sort of person we need to be in the South, back at work.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 3, 1950

Professor Wilbur E. Apgar
Social Studies Department
State Teachers College at Jersey City
Jersey City, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Apgar:

My secretary has already acknowledged your kind letter of July 24.

So far as I know, I will be here in Atlanta September 1 and 2, and from the ninth on to the eighteenth or so. I am to be at Black Mountain, North Carolina, at a Textile Workers Union of America training school at Black Mountain College September 3 to 8. If you drive down during that period, you might possible care to come through the mountains and stop for a while at Black Mountain. If you come straight on to Atlanta and I am not here, others in our Council office will be happy to talk with you.

In any case, do come to see us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 3, 1950

Mr. John Dickson, Managing Editor
The Natl. Cyclopedia of American Biography
101 Fifth Avenue
New York 3, New York

Dear Mr. Dickson:

I have your letter of July 26 about Mr. Plato Tracy Durham, of whose connection with our work we are duly proud.

I am of a later generation, and have had to write to several survivors of that time for further information. I hope to be able to write you in ten days or so with all that I can get.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 3, 1950

Dr. C. B. Wilmer
Rattlesnake, Florida

My dear Dr. Wilmer:

I have had this interesting letter from the National Cyclopedia of American Biography.

Would I ask too much for your kindness in writing me what you recall as to these matters?

With highest regards,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Execurive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

August 3, 1950

Mr. H. L. Mitchell, President
National Farm Labor Union
825 Victor Building
726 Ninth Street, N.W.
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Many thanks for your letter of July 26. We are having to reprint the leaflet, and will get them sometime this week and will send you 250 copies right away.

We are so broke that I will bill you for them at a penny apiece, but if in your judgment you are broker than I, you could forget to pay the bill.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 3, 1950

Mr. John Wesley Dobbs
540 Houston Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Dobbs:

I am having to reprint the small-town slums leaflet, but will get you 500 this week.

I am so anxious to get them out that I will send them to you without charge if need be, but if your treasury could (when they are received) send us a check for the stack at a rate of a penny apiece, I would be very grateful in our continuing distress.

I appreciate your willingness to help us get them out.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 3, 1950

Mrs. Blanche M. Ralston
Coahoma, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Ralston:

How nice to have your letter of July 24 and its welcome and most generous check. Thanks.

I am inexpert on cousinships, but I think Abbot Ferris and I would be first cousins once removed. Anyway, we are closer as friends than as cousins. He is now in Nashville, isn't he?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 2, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Boke
440 39th Street
Sacramento, California

Dear Adele and Dick:

I had a visit Monday morning from a fine old gentleman, Mr. George A. Towns, Sr. He is a Negro now retired from many years of teaching and administration at Atlanta University. His daughter, Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton, is Executive Secretary of the Atlanta Urban League, and a person of great charm, poise, competence, and effectiveness. The old gentleman comes to see us once a year and pays his dues in green cash money.

I asked him some about his family, and he told me he had a son who has been for some years in California and has lately been moved from the Southern part of the state to a job as an accountant in the Tax Department of the State of California at Sacramento. Nomine, George A. Towns, Jr.

I don't know what you can do to make him feel welcome, but if you can extend some act of kindness, I would appreciate it.

I would expect Mr. Towns' son to be in the upper part of his forties.

I see a good deal these days of a distinguished former citizen of Horry County, now youthfully retired from the practice of law and living pleasantly across the line in North Carolina near Linville Falls. Though thus located, his tin RFD mail box wears on its side a neatly painted green palmetto tree.

Affectionately,

GSM:er

August 4, 1950

Mr. L. A. Potts, Dean
School of Agriculture
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Potts:

I had an opportunity to read your most kind letter of July 20 just before I left on a trip over to Alcorn. I stopped at your home in Tuskegee in an effort to thank you personally for the letter and for your most generous $20.00 check, but unfortunately missed you.

I arranged before I left for my secretary to send information about the Council to the twelve people whose names you so kindly listed.

And I believe she has also sent you a list of our total membership at Tuskegee.

I am to go to Montgomery August 10 to speak at Mr. Trenholm's summer school commencement. That will take me back through Tuskegee on the 11th. I will stop and try to get to see you. Meanwhile, if you need me for anything special that day, let me know when, and I will try to make it.

The Council is going to have to live in future mainly on membership, and I rejoice that you realize this and will try to help us.

Sincerely and cordially,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Memo

To: Norma Huff

From: George S..Mitchell August 4, 1950

Ray Warwick and his wife Anna came to see Alice and me some ten days ago. He has a job in Atlanta now running a paper for the steelworkers. Has only just come and is just getting settled.

Anna said two weeks from the day of her visit she would begin to give the Council substantial parts of her time, though intermittently, as a free file clerk.

All glory be to Thee ...

Nobody knows their home address, but I suggest that at the end of this week you get in touch with Ray at the United Steelworkers and ask him to remind Miss Anna that our receptivity is a thousand per cent.

She worked hereabouts for years and she knows what to do.

GSM

August 4, 1950

Mr. William W. Gibbs
Ingraham Building
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Mr. Gibbs:

The extraordinary Board meeting of the Council last April selected a new Finance Committee, and a good one. Glenn Rainey, who teaches at Georgia Tech, is Chairman. John Griffin, now teaching at Emory and former Assistant to the President there, is a member. And Mr. Rufus Clement, President of Atlanta University, is the third. They have met a good many times since April, and have worked out a plan for putting a permanent base under this our Council. The plan is clearly set out in the small green leaflet.

I wrote Mrs. Havens for advice as to whom we ought to turn to in Florida to head up this effort in the State. You are the right one to take on the job if you will.

Obviously, this office cannot reach out in detail into thirteen States and get the thing done. Someone in each of the States will have to take charge for the State. The Finance Committee thought the best thing would be a small, h rd-working committee under a Chairman in each State. I feel pretty sure Mrs. White would help; I know Mrs. Havens would help; I think Mr. Daniel would be helpful, and certainly influential. Mr. Rogers would be a great standby. Somebody at Florida A. & M. College could be mighty helpful, too. We are friendly with the new president, Dr. George W. Gore, but it would take personal correspondence with him from you to enlist him in the effort.

Another thing to consider would be area meetings of the members at whatever time of year is the right one with you in Florida. That has a special appeal because, plainly, one of the things the Council ought to be doing everywhere as the war situation grows is to revive frequent local meetings of its mem-

bers. The war will mean change, adjustment, growth, and much strain. Many things that would have to be done, can be done in orderliness and good spirit if they are "arranged" by an interracial group whose members know each other well.

Will you in any case ponder what is best to do in Florida? I am sorry to make this letter turn on money, but I would hope that things can be so worked that you will have a local action program go along with finding the members who will put a base under the show as a whole.

I am sending a copy of this to Mrs. Havens as the ready way of getting our Jacksonville friends informed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

CC: Mrs Henry Havens

August 4, 1950

Mrs. Henry Havens
2845 Corinthian Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mrs. Havens:

Many thanks for your letter of July 23. I will simply rest on the hope that the Synod, with your kind interest, will make its customary appropriation to us.

We have had the What Kind of South Do You Want reprinted, and they will give you the Florida Board members.

Harold and Jane are both working hard and I don't hear any rumblings of the war getting them. I certainly hope not.

As to 50 for '51, I will write Mr. Gibbs and ask whether he could take it on.

We miss you and wish we had you near by.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

August 4, 1950

Rev. H. Brent ~~Schaefer~~ Schaffer
1525 Robinson Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Schaefer:

John Ramsay is the right man -- whose name I didn't for that moment remember. Able, balanced, simple in speech, sincerely religious. He is about the best bridge I know between labor and the Church. I am pretty sure he is a minister himself, and a Presbyterian. Holding this public relations job for the C.I.O., I don't think he is holding a church also at this time, but I am pretty sure he preaches frequently in churches about the South, particularly near his home, some miles outside of Atlanta.

I have no least hesitancy in recommending him as a person who could fit into the Jackson situation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 4, 1950

Mr. Lawrence L. Koch
The American Jewish Committee
318 Tyler Building
Louisville 1, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Koch:

It was very nice of you to send out copies of the Herald Tribune story. We appreciate it a lot.

I believe that of those on your list, I had sent it only to one or two, and nothing has been done to get it to people in Memphis.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 4, 1950

Dr. Theodore C. Greene
c/o Professor William C. Greene
60 Shepard Street
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Greene:

Professor Lee Brooks at Chapel Hill kindly sent on to us a copy of your letter to him and asked us to advise. The same thing occurred with the American Friends Service Committee, whose Mr. Ralph A. Rose sent us some account of you also.

We got in touch with Dr. Mason, an able and widely effective Negro physician attached jointly to the United States Public Health Service and the Department of Public Health in the State of Georgia. I send you herewith his letter.

If you will let me know promptly whether you wish Dr. Mason and me to approach the Hospital Authority for Atlanta (Dr. Spaulding and Mr. Wilson, as mentioned in Dr. Mason's letter) I will be glad to go with Dr. Mason to see these gentlemen.

We would all be most grateful if in some way we could get you into the South, and possibly into Atlanta.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

August 4, 1950

Dr. W. A. Mason, Director
Office of Health Education for Negroes
204 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mason:

Very many thanks indeed for your genuine consideration given to the letter about Dr. Theodore C. Greene. I have sent your letter on to him and written him as enclosed.

If he wants the Hospital Authority in Atlanta approached, I do hope I was correct in promising that you or you and I could go to see them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

August 4, 1950

Mr. Ralph A. Rose
American Friends Service Committee
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Rose:

As you can see, we have talked about Dr. Greene with Dr. Mason here in Atlanta and elicited a possibly helpful letter from Dr. Mason.

He looks like a most remarkably able man, and I do hope something can be done to get him into the South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

August 4, 1950

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Department of Sociology
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Guy:

Thanks for your letter of July 26. I know you have been busy.

We must do something to revive our kind of work in North Carolina. Here comes war preparation, if not war. That means strain and adjustment and growth. Probably the best thing we could do would be to revive all over the State, local interracial meetings. There must be many people in the State now who know that is needed.

Trigg tells me he has been working with Gurney Hood, and Hood reminds that you are charged with pulling together a membership meeting. Could you not now plan this for September or fairly early in October? If you are stumped for the clerical end of it, why not get Hood to let you have whatever money would be needed from the treasury of the North Carolina Division and with that review the lists and get out the notices. Hire from that money a girl. If nobody able to do it right is around I will send you my secretary for four or five days to get it done, but I would hope that the North Carolina Division could at least pay her expenses. I think if you could get a meeting together, a lot of momentum will appear in the State.

I continue to phone every now and then Strauss' secretary, who tells me most lately that she will write me shortly after the end of July as to a time when I can see him.

We were $60.00 short of the payroll Monday, but still see our way through till October anyway.

If you need clerical help to complete a mail-

ing -- a mailing to find the rest of North Carolina's supposed $2,000, I could stand some of the expense of that, though Lord knows with what money.

If you and Trigg and Gurney Hood could possibly get together at an early date, I think from then on you could make it move.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P. S. Since this letter was dictated on the 2nd, we have received a $1,000 check from the Methodist Women's Division of Christian Service.

GSM:er

August 4, 1950

Mrs. Lyn Keyes
411 South 8th Street
Griffin, Georgia

Dear Annie Laurie:

Very nice to hear from you, and a comfort to remember that you are as close by as Griffin. Do come to see us at the office or at home when you have any time in this city.

Congratulations on being awarded UNC's honors.

We do want more members to strengthen the work in Georgia and will be grateful for what you can do. Is it possible that you can take on this 50 for '51 job in your area between now and January? If you think you could get some such members, I will send you more envelopes and so on. Much appreciation if you will do it.

I do wish Griffin would be interested in a self-survey. The Greenville one was such a success. How about discussing it with other people and perhaps arranging a little meeting? Our Mrs. Jane Fleming, who runs the surveys, would be happy to come down to a small gathering.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

August 4, 1950

Mr. Israel S. Richardson
405 West Welborne Avenue
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Mr. Richardson:

Thank you for your letter of July 20. We are sorry to lose you as an active member, but know that you will continue to work for useful things.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 7, 1950

Rev. A. B. Hawkes
First Baptist Church
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Dr. Hawkes:

Mr. Pfifer has written us that, with his departure, you will take over the Chairmanship of the self-survey in Rock Hill. We are delighted to hear this and look forward to working with you.

We are most interested in hearing how the plans for the survey are shaping up. The last information Mr. Pfifer gave us was that a small committee had been appointed to choose and organize a Steering Committee.

If, after the Steering Committee has been formed, or at any time which you think would be useful, you feel that a visit from one of us would be helpful in further planning, please do not hesitate to let us know. We will be happy to help in any way you think best.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Fleming
Survey Assistant

August 7, 1950

Mrs. St. Julien Childs
73 King Street
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Childs:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me -- as keeper of the records on Negro police -- to write you and tell you how much we appreciate your sending us the story on Charleston's decision to employ Negro policemen. It is a great help to us when members such as you keep us informed of important local happenings, as we cannot possibly get such complete information here in the Atlanta office.

The clipping you sent will also help us a lot in our annual roundup of information on the employment of Negro police in the South.

Thank you again for your help and interest.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Fleming
Research Assistant

August 7, 1950

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL

Mr. Milton M. Plumb, Jr.
The Encyclopedia of Labor
7203 Belwood Street
District Heights
Washington 19, D. C.

Dear Mr. Plumb:

On looking through the copy of Labor in the South which we have kept here, I find an error in a date.

The paragraph on page 1 immediately under the sub-head "Early Period," second sentence, should read:

"Although it has proceeded at a rapid pace, it was not until 1950 that the first Southern State ..."

I will thank you for correcting this error, and am sorry to have to bother you with it.

Sincerely,

Beth Rogers
Secretary to George S. Mitchell

CC: MarionA. Wright

Same letter to: Florida Division
South Carolina "
Tennessee "

August 7, 1950

Mr. A. D. Beittel, President
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Mr. Beittel:

Here is a technical matter requiring action by your next annual membership meeting. Merely a matter of bringing written by-laws into conformity with present actual practice.

Your by-laws contain the following clauses:

"Note: $1.00 of the dues of each SRC member in Alabama will be returned to the Treasurer of the Alabama Division. Likewise, any contribution earmarked by Alabama members for use in Alabama will be returned.

"These by-laws may be amended at any annual meeting of members, or at any special meeting called for that stated purpose, by a majority of the members present."

Since the by-laws were written, the Council's dues have been increased, as you know, to $3.00 single and $4.00 joint membership. We have also now another category -- $10.00 Sustaining Memberships.

As to the $10.00 memberships, you know that we are recommending that the division be $7.00 Atlanta and $3.00 State Division treasuries. If your Division approves this 7:3 ratio and is willing for the ratio on ordinary dues to be $1.50 out of each $3.00 membership and $2.00 out of each $4.00 joint membership, then your by-laws would need to be amended as follows:

"Note: One-half of ordinary and joint membership dues for each ordinary or each joint membership in Alabama will be returned to the Treasurer of the Alabama Division. Out of each ten-dollar Sustaining Membership, $3.00 shall be returned to the Treasurer of the

Alabama Division. Likewise, any contribution earmarked by Alabama members for use in Alabama will be returned in full."

I do not mean by supplying this language to attempt in any way to influence the decision of the Division. That is the business of the Division in consultation with the Council as a whole.

The matter arises by reason of the keen memory of a legal member of SRC's Executive Committee. We ought to have records clear and straight.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 7, 1950

Rev. Kenneth G. Phifer
Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Phifer:

I am grateful for your letter of July 22 with its news that you have turned over your interest in the Survey matter to Dr. Hawkes.

We have changed your address to Alexandria, as you requested. I am enclosing a list of our other members in Alexandria, and also in Arlington and Fairfax. Some of them may be helpful to you in your new charge.

I would like you to know of a special situation in Alexandria and in Virginia. Things so fell out that, shortly after the Southern Regional Council was established, the Virginia affiliate of the former Commission on Interracial Cooperation sought funds from the Virginia Council of Churches. The effort was successful. Accordingly, work of our kind was taken up in the future by the Department of Race Relations of the Virginia Council of Churches. The present able paid secretary of this is the Reverend Emerson Smith, 109 West Grace Street, Richmond.

The arrangement unavoidably carried a pro forma barrier to full participation in the new organization by Jewish persons and Catholic persons. I detect no chagrin or jealousy, but there remains some aspiration toward building at some date an inclusive Council-like organization in Virginia. I rather think that the former Alexandria chapter of the former Virginia Interracial Commission never quite caught itself into the Department of Race Relations. We have tried to nourish them as direct members of the Council, but they are far away.

The present situation is that the Council has two or three hundred members in Virginia, not a few of whom are

also contributors to the Department of Race Relations. I have never known what to do about this matter, and think it best to do nothing. In actual practice, we work with Emerson Smith and the Department of Race Relations almost exactly as though they were an affiliate of the Council. But I try always to have in mind that the little ache is there. This is a matter I do not discuss, but I thought that you, as one going into Virginia and a friend of ours, should know about it.

I am sorry for Rock Hill to lose you. Alexandria is a town I am oftener near than Rock Hill, and I hope that the move will give me an opportunity to talk with you.

I have suggested to Mrs. Fleming that whe write directly to Dr. Hawkes and arrange some early meeting when she and her husband can go over to Rock Hill and talk with him.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 8, 1950

Miss Ruth Morton
American Missionary Association
287 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Miss Morton:

A useful person from around Hartsville, South Carolina, is named Caroline Gillespie. She has a plan for a rural recreational project in that area. I and many others have advised her about it, and she has something that will work.

She wants to come to New York right after Labor Day and see people that might possibly help her.

The help wouldn't be for my Council. (I am simply endorsing her proposal and helping her beg.) Could you or someone at your office see her some time in the first week after Labor Day when she comes to New York?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

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August 8, 1950

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
Executive Vice-President
Watchtower Life Insurance Company
618 Prairie Avenue
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw

We are indebted to you for your invaluable help in making this issue of NEW SOUTH possible.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Fleming
Research Assistant

Similar letter sent to everyone who furnished information for the article on professional associations in the July 1950 NEW SOUTH .

August 8, 1950

Miss Ellen Winston, Commissioner
Executive Office
North Carolina Board of Public Welfare
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Miss Winston:

We are sending under separate cover our application for licence with regard to solicitation of funds in North Carolina.

Please let me know if you would like copies of our by-laws, charter, or any other information. We shall be glad to supply you with additional material.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 8, 1950

Mr. H. Councill Trenholm, President
Alabama State Teachers College
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Trenholm:

I wrote out a talk for the Commencement August 10, and send you herewith this copy.

I will do a better job if I depart a good deal from the manuscript and simply talk, but I know it is useful to have a manuscript ahead of time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

August 8, 1950

Mr. A. D. Beittel, President
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Mr. Beittel:

This concerns division of dues on the new $10.00 Sustaining Memberships.

Last November, the annual meeting authorized classes of members. Earlier this year, I wrote you at length about the classes that had been set up and saying that the Executive Committee had approved, subject to whatever might be done by the next annual meeting, a fifty-fifty division of membership dues, in whatever category.

Since that time, a new Finance Committee has been hard at work contriving a campaign which I wrote you about recently, to get in each State five hundred new $10.00 memberships. How, then, should these $10.00 memberships be divided?

The Executive Committee at its meeting June 10 thought it best to divide it $3.00 to the State Division and $7.00 to the Council as a whole, but they left it to the final judgment of the Finance Committee. This Committee met a short time ago and, after a great deal of discussion, agreed to that division. The argument turned mostly on the belief that the dispatch of New South and the clerical work of collecting dues and keeping records on members was worth the difference between the 3:7 division and a 5:5 division. Everyone, and I particularly, recognized the importance of building up the treasuries of the State Divisions and enabling them to engage paid personnel.

If each State will find its five hundred new $10.00 members, there will be a goodly sum to be put directly into the State Division treasuries.

Whatever is the final will of the whole Council at the next annual membership meeting will, of course, prevail.

Meanwhile, if this decision seems all right, or unwise, let us know, and the Executive Committee will be the better advised what the Divisions want.

These proposed arrangements supersede the whole matter of my letter to you of April 6, which was about the fifty-fifty split on the earlier categories of memberships. Henceforth the Council has only two kinds of members -- Sustaining Members, who pay $10.00 a year, and members who pay $3.00 a year as single members and $4.00 as joint members.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Same letter to all State Division Heads

August 8, 1950

Mrs. Irving Cohn
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. We recognize your category of Student Memberships, but I did not allude to it in this general letter because it would have added another confusion to an already complicated matter.

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

August 8, 1950

Mr. Thomas S. Norwalk
P. O. Box 855
University Branch
Miami 46, Florida

Dear Mr. Norwalk:

In response to your recent letter, I am sending separately three copies of New South which should be helpful. The total charge is fifteen cents (15¢).

It is difficult to give any definite answers to the questions you pose. They are largely a matter of opinion, and a lawyer's opinion would be better than a layman's. The California court's ruling on the Alien Land Law, if upheld by the U. S. Supreme Court, would certainly be significant, but perhaps not as much so as might first appear. In the first place, the U. N. Charter was particularly applicable in this case, since the plaintiffs are not citizens of the United States and have somewhat less protection under the law. Secondly, it seems unlikely that the Supreme Court would be any more willing to outlaw segregation under the U. N. Charter than it has under the Constitution. As the Court recently indicated, it will rule on discrimination in any specific case, but not on the issue of segregation in general.

Also, it must be remembered that state laws and practices are still far from measuring up to the U. S. Constitution as it has already been interpreted by the Supreme Court. What is needed is not another instrument on which to base legal action, but more legal action under the present instrument -- and greater willingness on the part of the States to abide by Supreme Court decisions without evasion and delaying action. Should the Court hold that the U. N. Charter is the law of the land, perhaps the biggest immediate result would be the Court's use of that authority to take jurisdiction over new kinds of cases.

The U. N. Bill of Human Rights would apply in much the same way, except that it would provide a more clear-cut basis for attack on state laws than do the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments. But a great deal would still depend on the Supreme Court's interpretation, and the necessary

legal action no doubt would still be long and drawn out.

As to the new policy on admission of Negroes to the University of Florida, it appears doubtful that the U. S. Supreme Court would uphold its constitutionality. In the Gaines case (1938) the Court held that equal facilities must be provided within the state boundaries as soon as they are provided for any white person. There is no provision which allows the State to make one racial group wait until equal facilities are prepared. And in the McLaurin case, only a few weeks ago, the Supreme Court that a Negro student, once admitted to a state institution, cannot be subjected to differential treatment.

Thus the Florida action would seem to be ruled out on both counts.

I would be unwilling to predict how long it would take for either the Florida or the California case to reach the Supreme Court. Too much depends on unpredictable factors -- how long the intermediate courts would take to render a decision, what legal technicalities might cause the case to be sent back to the lower courts, and when the Supreme Court might schedule the case. It was four years from the time the Sweatt case was brought until the Supreme Court handed down its final decision. Of course, with the precedents set, the Florida case should not be expected to take that long.

All this is lay opinion and can be taken with as many grains of salt as you wish. In any case, the issues of New South should be helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

CC: Mr. H. Brent Schaeffer

August 8, 1950

Mr. Emmet Harty
205-S Weinberg Building
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Harty:

I appreciate your letter of July 22.

We have a hard row to hoe. Negro citizens in the South increasingly strain to diminish segregation. White opinion changes some, but very slowly. And our usefulness is in finding common ground for people of both races. Under the circumstances, we have put all our energy into things we hope will do good here and now: Negro policemen, fair handling in the press of news about Negroes, equal schools, and so on. Insofar as the Council has a policy on segregation, I would guess it is to speak as little as possible about it and do as much as possible to improve the material conditions of all the people in the South and better their mutual understanding.

I myself think that the recent Supreme Court decisions in the Texas and Oklahoma cases make it the better part of wisdom and fairness to open graduate and professional training to Negroes in State-supported institutions, and I gave a statement to the newspapers to that effect in the name of the Council some weeks ago.

I suppose that as clear a statement as we have made is to be found in this Honest Answer in the Civil Rights Controversy.

My own general view, frequently stated, is that if we get people equal, they will find an acceptable way to get along as two races.

I am grateful for your sincere interest.

Yours very truly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

August 8, 1950

AIR MAIL

Dr. Hugh Brimm
513 East Franklin Street
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Brimm:

The pamphlets, leaflets, and manual are being sent, in two separate packages, under separate cover.

A bill is enclosed.

The manual is technically out of print, the copy we sent you being incomplete. Pages iii and iv of the introduction, and pages 40 and 41 (first part of the Education questionnaire) are missing. We thought, however, that you might prefer to have it, even incomplete, than not. We are therefore not charging you for the manual.

Sincerely,

Beth Rogers
Secretary to Dr. Mitchell

August 9, 1950

Mr. Henry Lesesne
2512 Glenwood Road
Columbia 4, S. C.

Dear Mr. Lesesne:

You are quite right about Mr. Comer. He is a member of SRC's Board of Directors, having been elected last November for a one-year term.

When notified of his election, he did say that he was not in full agreement with SRC's position, but that he would be willing to serve out the one-year term. It is my understanding that he has, at various times in the past, used his influence in behalf of better race relations.

I will look forward to that visit from you when you are in Atlanta.

Cordially,

Harold C. Flem ng

August 9, 1950

Mr. Sidney R. Redmond
2103-A Market Street
St. Louis 3, Missouri

Dear Mr. Redmond:

Here is another issue of

New South that I think ought to do some good.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
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August 9, 1950

Dr. Will W. Alexander
New Hope Farm, RFD #3
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Will:

I could use that New York list -- the one you were going to get from Jonathan.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 9, 1950

Miss Isabella Palais
Ecusta Paper Company
P. O. Box 200
Pisgah Forest, North Carolina

Dear Miss Palais:

The last time I called, there was hope that Mr. Straus might be available just after the end of July.

I am most anxious to talk with him, and do hope there can be an early opportunity.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 9, 1950

Mr. Ebenezer O. Iwuagwa
293 Lenox Avenue
New York 27, New York

Dear Mr. Iwuagwa:

I wish to goodness I could help you or that I knew somebody who could. I have called a couple of people, without any success.

I have two suggestions, both of which you may already know about.

One, go to see the Phelps-Stokes Fund, 101 Park Avenue, New York City. The head man is named Mr. Channing Tobias. While I don't expect them to have any money for you, I do know they keep their finger closely on the problems of African students in this country. My guess is that you will be nearer a solution for going to see them than anything else you could do.

The other thing is called the National Scholarship Service and Fund for Negro Students. It has a New York office somewhere up near Columbia University around 110th Street. They won't have any money, either, but they know all about the scholarship business.

I have continued to enjoy Mr. Fafunwa's friendship, and I recall with the greatest pleasure the kindness of all of you there at Bethune-Cookman last January.

You have got me confused with somebody else on the matter of two Nigerian students over here. I don't know of any I have sponsored. I am too broke to sponsor anybody, but I would certainly help if I could.

Meanwhile, if you come through Atlanta, come to see me.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 9, 1950

Mrs. S. D. Mullins, Jr.
1927 Indiana
Houston, Texas

Dear Margaret:

Very nice indeed to hear from you.

I made top-level marks all down the paper and added some remarks to that and mailed it off the the school people.

Mary Stoney is giving us a week's voluntary work, and had some long tale last night about this and that she and George did with you and your beau New Yorkwards a while back.

We limp and flub, but yet we live.

Do go and see Mrs. Crate. She has stood gallantly by us. And Carter Wesley, of course, too. Incidentally, a little bird told me Mrs. Crate's Texas Interracial Commission is thinking about putting on a paid secretary. Why don't you go and flip your wings like an interracial secretary?

We all love you and miss you. Every now and then my eye lights in sad memory on a great bundle of papers that says "Social Security."

Sincerely, and with warm regards to honorable husband,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

August 9, 1950

Mr. Richard P. Daniel
Daniel and Poucher
1100 Florida Natl. Bank Building
Jacksonville 2, Florida

Dear Dick:

August is doubtless a bad month for you to reach Mr. Alsop and for him to reach Mr. Kipinis. But I do hope you are keeping the matter in mind and doing what you can.

I am grateful for your care.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 9, 1950

Mr. James G. Patton
324 Church Street
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Mr. Patton:

Many thanks for your kind interest this morning.

I will go and see Mr. Broyles at an early date.

Meanwhile, here are some things that will give you an idea of what the Council does.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

August 10, 1950

Mrs. Marshall B. Young
4420 Camden Avenue
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mrs. Young:

We do so much appreciate your recent letter and your desire to be an active Council member.

There is no local group in Dallas, but with some organization, there could easily be one. We have about twenty-five members which is a beginning, and such a group, if started by an enthusiastic local person, could do much to further the Council's program in Dallas or on the state level. The program of such a group would be determined by its objectives with regard to the need for equal opportunity in your community. The Council staff is ready and enthusiastic to advise you in such a program. However, you know your own situation best, and therefore the program and motivation should come from your own group.

As an individual, you can further the Council's program by helping in those projects in your community which will further equal opportunity for all citizens. The obtaining of additional S.R.C. members would also help. We can provide promotional pamphlets.

The Texas Commission on Interracial Cooperation is an active group which is affiliated with the Council. Mrs. James S. Crate, 2410 Inwood Avenue, Houston is chairman and a fine person. She would be glad to help you.

We will be glad to send you names of Council members in Dallas and give any assistance we can.

Your interest is sincerely appreciated. It is through active local groups that our program is realized.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

Same letter to all officers of all Divisions & Committees

August 10, 1950

Mr. A. D. Beittel, President
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Mr. Beittel:

We have had a new printing of <u>What Kind of South Do You Want?</u> I send you ten separately. Please try to get them used. More if you need them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 10, 1950

Mr. John H. McCray
1022½ Washington Street
Columbia 20, South Carolina

Dear Mr. McCray:

Your Southern Regional Council membership dues are now due for 1950.

A single membership is $3.00 for the year. Our records show that in February 1950, you sent us the $3.00, but your dues for 1948 and 1949 had not been paid.

Membership in 1948 was $2.00 and since then has been raised to $3.00.This means that a total of $5.00 is now due to bring your membership up-to-date.

We do hope you will want to renew your membership and take and active part in the Council's program. We are extremely grateful for the help that you South Carolina Division has given us during this strained financial situation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 14, 1950

Mrs. Dabney White
809½ Rankin Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Charlotte:

Very many thanks for your nice letter and its helpful check.

I was in Durham not so long ago and went to see Rhea, which got me accurately pointed on your trail.

I will come through Greensboro some bright day and hunt up you and your husband. It is always sad to me to go by the old home and find filling stations and Sears Roebuck where I used to find crisp bacon and hot biscuit and pretty girls.

Rabbi Mantinband kindly wrote me that he had talked with you.

Thanks for praise of our small publication. We do not shake the earth, but we hope we are doing some good.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 14, 1950

Dr. Vernon S. Broyles, Jr.
Board of Church Extension
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.
Henry Grady Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Broyles:

I promised today to send you a copy of the audit of the Southern Regional Council for the year 1949.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

August 14, 1950

Mr. Preston Valien, Chairman
Department of Social Sciences
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Valien:

In your letter of August 12, you ask how you may obtain a copy of the Greenville Self-Survey. I am sending you separately two copies of the condensed report, done by SRC, entitled "Greenville's Big Idea". I hope that this is what you wanted.

If you would like a copy of the full report, which was published by the Greenville Community Council under the title "Everybody's Business", I suggest that you write to:

Mr. Frank A. Cleaver, Asst. Executive Secretary
Greenville Community Council
110-A West McBee Street
Greenville, South Carolina

Thanks again for your help with the current issue of NEW SOUTH.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Fleming
Research Assistant

Sent to all Heads of Divisions
+ Cooperating Committees

August 14, 1950

Mr. A. D. Beittel, President
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Mr. Beittel:

The country is now setting up a war economy. We can only suppose that this period of strain will last for a good many years.

War or military preparation involves special tensions in race relations. It brings growth and change, and often a good deal of betterment, but it brings also impatience, temper, and disturbance.

I suppose the best thing we can do in the South in this period is revive and spread our local and State interracial meetings. We don't know now what the problems are going to be in towns and cities across the South. But we do know there are going to be a lot of them. We also know from long experience that those problems can be sanely and quickly dealt with if Negro and white intelligence is put to work on the problems soon after they emerge -- or before!

The coming two or three months are traditionally ones in which we meet and set our programs for the coming year. I suggest that you give very serious attention to ways by which your group can get its local members and their friends to meet regularly in order to make things run as helpfully as possible. If you need specific examples of the sort of thing that will need attention, some are given on the next sheet.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 14, 1950

Norma -

I am sure Dr. Odum is in the wrong.

How much trouble would it be to get together the main figures?

My recollection is that GEB put up a total of $50,000 and the Rosenwald Fund somewhere around $100,000, excluding Veterans Services.

I certainly don't wish tartly to correct Dr. Odum, but I think he ought to have the facts.

GSM

August 14, 1950

Rev. W. W. Wilkie
2100 Wolfe Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Wilkie:

Could you let us have an answer to our letter of July 7?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 14, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Beittel
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear The Beittels:

That was a mighty nice luncheon, which I greatly enjoyed. All was nice as could be, but something special about those butter beans.

I do hope you are having a proper rest in Florida and that my tales of clouds of black mosquitoes have proved untrue.

Mighty kind of Mr. Beittel to take on the 50 for '51 business in Alabama. That campaign will have to be our main dependence in the coming year.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 15,,1950

MEMORANDUM

TO: Norma Huff

FROM: George S. Mitchell

I have written letters to all of these people except Trot Foreman and Kendall Weisiger.

I understand that Foreman's source won't be available until September.

And on Kendall Weisiger, it is a matter of meeting him and kidding him into it.

Blind CC: Norma Huff

August 15, 1950

Mr. George Goodwin
The Atlanta Journal
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear George:

I have got a last-half-of-August doldrums coming up on money matters. We get this sum and that sum at various times, but none in this immediate period.

If you have any way of getting some help to us, we have not quite a deadline, but a gasping line, coming up soon.

Regards.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Blind CC: Norma Huff

August 15, 1950

Miss Josephine Wilkins
Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Josephine:

We are in a tight spot to meet the August 31 payroll. I am writing to the various ones who have pledged us good round sums, asking them to call it in if possible before August 31.

We will greatly welcome your most generously pledged hundred whenever it can come. I merely write to say that it will fit in mighty neatly in this last half of August.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Blind CC: Norma Huff

August 15, 1950

Mr. Harry V. Richardson
Gammon Theological Seminary
9 McDonough Boulevard, S.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Richardson:

You have been such an extra good person about helping this Council. Still, we are in a tight spot to meet our payroll coming up for the end of August. We recall your again most generous intent to find a hundred dollars for the Council.

We will welcome it whenever. I merely write to say that if it could come soon, it would exactly fill a hole.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Blind CC: Norma Huff

August 15, 1950

Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton
Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Grace:

I've got a last-half-of-August doldrums on us financially. Of course, it only gets intense August 31. But I am casting about for ways to get over that hump. I know there are ten thousand pulls at you. Notwithstanding that, you were so very kind as to promise us a goodly sum that you will get together.

Richly welcome whenever; even more richly, if soonish.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Blind CC: Norma Huff

August 15, 1950

Mr. Forrester Washington
Atlanta School of Social Work
247 Henry Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Forrester:

This spring, in the campaign among Georgia supporters of the Council, you were kind enough to undertake to find $100.

We are in a tight spot for this last half of August. Your gift will be welcome whenever, but particularly welcome if it can help us over this immediate hump.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 15, 1950

Mr. Walter R. Chivers
Department of Sociology
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Chivers:

In your letter of May 26 you requested that Dr. Mitchell remind you that your Council dues should be paid.

We do appreciate your interest and praise. As you know, our program is severely hampered by a lack of funds and it has been difficult to make progress.

I enclose a reprint of an editorial in which you may be interested.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

MH:jwh

August 15, 1950

Mrs. William C. White
Methodist Youth Camp
Leesburg, Florida

Dear Mrs. White:

Enclosed is the list of dues payments of Florida accompanied by our usual wish - that we could send you a check too.

It has been a very difficult summer financially and we do sincerely appreciate your efforts in notifying Florida members of our difficulties. It seems as though there is more work than ever to be done and less with which to do it.

We have made a cross-check of your membership since the beginning of last year. I do hope that you won't be caused any more embarrassment by lack of information. We have kept current the acknowledgements of dues and contributions received.

Many thanks for all your help and our good wishes for a pleasant summer.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH;h

August 15, 1950

Dr. Will W. Alexander
New Hope Farm, Route 3
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Will:

You rejoice me with your card.

I greatly need you. The main question is date.

You spoke of "after September 1." From the 3rd to the 8th, dismally, I have to be at Black Mountain College at a Textile Workers' school. The Executive Committee of SRC meets in Atlanta the 9th.

Best thing would be for you to be here for that day and stay on as much as you can of the following week. But if it would suit you better to come from say Monday the 11th through Friday the 15th or as long as you can, that is all right, too.

I count a lot on your coming.

No, I didn't see the SEP article, but I would like to, and will look for it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

August 15, 1950

Mr. George M. Stephens
The Stephens Press
46-48 Walnut Street
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear George:

Many thanks for the two newspaper stories. It is encouraging to see how things move.

I have talked a little with various people around Raleigh about a study of the primary. Normally, of course, the University of North Carolina would be the right place to put through such a study. But in this instance it can hardly do that.

The two Universities which occur to me as being so situated that they could put through competent and genuinely impartial studies are Kentucky and Virginia. Kentucky is best equipped, but it may be that the imprint of the University of Virginia in that situation would be better.

Without consulting the Executive Committee of the Council, I cannot say what part the Council could play. We could certainly advise. Conceivably we could be repository of an ad hoc research gift to see the project through. That would simply mean that we would dole out to the selected scholar his stipend and expenses. And we would review his work and advise in his progress with regularity. I myself do not think that such a project would probably involve us in a charge of political participation, but that is a matter for our Board, or at least our Executive Committee, to rule on.

I know various people in North Carolina (as of course you do, too) who have made collections of campaign literature.

Every best wish to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 15, 1950

Miss Lennie Britt, Treasurer
Woman's Society of Christian Service
Louisville Conference
Glasgow, Kentucky

Dear Miss Britt:

Last year your society was kind enough to make a contribution to the work of the Southern Regional Council.

Our slender finances prompt me to ask your group to consider a renewal of this gift. It would be most helpful to us at this time.

Where such contributions have been made, the Counhil sends our publication, New South, to two or three selected officers. We should be happy to enter these complimentary subscriptions for your society.

We hope you will consider seriously this important program. Any help your society can give is a contribution to a better South.

Your continued interest and support is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

August 15, 1950

Mrs. James B. Givins, Treasurer
Woman's Society of Christian Service of the
Tennessee Conference of the Methodist Church
529 South Margin Street
Franklin, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Givins:

Last year your society was kind enough to make a contribution to the work of the Southern Regional Council.

Our slender finances prompt me to ask your group to consider a renewal of this gift. It would be most helpful to us at this time.

Where such contributions have been made, the Council sends our publication, New South, to two or three selected officers. We should be happy to enter these complimentary subscriptions for your society.

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Your continued interest and support is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 15, 1950

Mrs. Arthur Heustess, President
Alabama Conference
Woman's Society of Christian Service
1805 Madison Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Heustess:

Last year your society was kind enough to make a contribution to the work of the Southern Regional Council.

Our slender finances prompt me to ask your society to consider a renewal of this gift. It would be most helpful to us at this time.

Where such contributions are made, the Council sends the publication, New South, to two or three selected officers of the society. We should be happy to do this for you.

We hope you will consider seriously this important program. Any help your society can give is a contribution to a better South.

Your continued interest and support is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

August 15, 1950

Mrs. B. R. Stout, Treasurer
Woman's Society of Christian Service
Holston Conference, Methodist Church
1811 Riverside Drive
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Stout:

Last year your society was kind enough to make a contribution to the work of the Southern Regional Council.

Our slender finances prompt me to ask your group to consider a renewal of this gift. It would be most helpful to us at this time.

Where such contributions have been made, the Council sends our publication, New South, to two or three selected officers. We should be happy to enter these complimentary subscriptions for your society.

We hope you will consider seriously this important program. Any help your society can give is a contribution to a better South.

Your continued interest and support is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 15, 1950

Mrs. Phil Peters, Treasurer
Woman's Society of Christian Service
of the Department of Christian Social Relations
First Methodist Church
Tampa, Florida

Dear Mrs. Peters:

Last year your society was kind enough to make a contribution to the work of the Southern Regional Council.

Our slender finances prompt me to ask your group to consider a renewal of this gift. It would be most helpful to us at this time.

Where such contributions have been made, the Council sends our publication, New South, to two or three selected officers. We should be happy to enter these complimentary subscriptions for your society.

We hope you will consider seriously this important program. Any help your society can give is a contribution to a better South.

Your continued interest and support is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 15, 1950

Mrs. F. B. McKinne, Treasurer
Woman's Society of Christian Service
303 South Center Street
Goldsboro, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. McKinne:

Last year your society was kind enough to make a contribution to the work of the Southern Regional Council.

Our slender finances prompt me to ask your group to consider a renewal of this gift. It would be most helpful to us at this time.

Where such contributions have been made, the Council sends our publication, New South, to two or three selected officers. We should be happy to enter these complimentary subscriptions for your society.

We hope you will consider seriously this important program. Any help your society can give is a contribution to a better South.

Your continued interest and support is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

August 16, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I had the fiscal jitters late in July and wrote you about them. Then as a P.S. I was able to say, I believe, that the Methodists had sent in a thousand dollars. That carried us neatly past July 31 and August 15.

Now I have the jitters again about August 31.

I have written out yesterday to Grace Hamilton and Forrester Washington and Josephine Wilkins and Carter Wesley and Harry Richardson and one or two others who had pledged us sums and not yet paid, and asked them to try to get their amounts in before August 31. That was pretty severe, but I had to do something.

If you have not yet exhausted all remedies toward causing Cardinal Stritch's Chancery to amend its lapse, do please try that again.

I have tried to run through my memory the other things you have cooking. Bob Dixon, McCormick, the Amalgamated (Hillman Fund), the $800 of the "Virginia effort," and the Mellon Fund. Can you speed any of these?

Will Alexander writes me that he will be willing to come down for several days early in September and help us make lists of people to go after.

I am preparing quite a memorandum for Charles Johnson and the John Hay Whitney Fund.

I have approached the Southern Presbyterians for a grant. They have had a reorganization and better people are running things. No news till November, though.

Quite apart from money, tell us some news of you.

Sincerely,

GSM:er

George S. Mitchell

Blind CC: Norma Huff

August 16, 1950

Mr. Carter Wesley, Publisher
Houston Informer
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

We have bumped along from pay period to pay period all this year, aided by many people's sacrifice, and every now and then by some luck. But we have got a financial dead calm on us the last half of August, with no check expected from the Methodists, or any foundation, or anybody else. In an effort to put together the $600 or $700 we are going to have to have, I have written to various people who pledged us good round sums (in most cases, $100) earlier this year and haven't as yet been able to scrape the sum together.

I remember that you were so kind as to say last April that you would from time to time bite off another chunk of the $500 that last year you hoped sooner or later to be able to send us.

If our records are right, you have already sent in a generous $225 of it. We will be most happy for whatever you can do at any time. I simply write now to say that we are in a tight place and would rejoice deeply if your circumstances permitted you to help us again along about now.

I seem fated to write you only when we are broke, and for that I apologize.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Same letter sent to all members of Executive Committee Meeting.

Follow up in late August

August 16, 1950

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

The next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council has been scheduled for September 9th at 10 a.m. in the Council offices.

It will be an extremely important meeting. We do hope you will be present.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:er

Sent to all Georgia Board members

August 16, 1950

Reverend Harry V. Richardson, President
Gammon Theological Seminary
9 McDonough Boulevard, S.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Richardson:

There will be a meeting of the Georgia members of the Board of Directors of S.R.C. Wednesday, August 23rd at 2 o'clock in Bishop Moore's Conference Room in the Wesley Memorial Building, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta.

This meeting is called by the Finance Committee to plan for increase in the Georgia membership in 1951. This campaign will begin this fall and is important to the Council's future.

Your cooperation is urgently sought. We do hope you will be present.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 16, 1950

Mrs. M. H. Sterne
2504 15th Avenue South
Birmingham 5, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Sterne:

We are in receipt of your recent contribution to the Southern Regional Council in the amount of $31.00, which was sent to us by Mrs. Herman Heyman.

We sincerely appreciate your interest in the Council and your continued support of our work. Please accept our thanks.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:er

August 16, 1950

Mrs. Julia Hill
3607 Seminary Avenue
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Hill:

We are deeply grateful for your recent most generous contribution to the Council's work. It comes at a time of great need.

Your interest and continued support of the Council has meant a great deal to us.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:er

Materials enclosed: 3 50 for '51 leaflets
12 return envelopes

August 17, 1950

Mr. Hodding Carter
Delta Democrat-Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Carter:

I was in Jackson ten days or so ago and planned with Mr. Schaeffer about Mississippi's part in the effort the Council is making to increase membership and funds for next year.

We have got a new Finance Committee composed of able people: Glenn Rainey, who teaches English at Georgia Tech, Mr. Clement, President of Atlanta University, and John Griffin, who teachest at Emory. They have worked out the scheme shown in this small green printed leaflet. We ought to find in each Southern State, a hundred people who will be responsible for getting us either $100 or, preferably, ten new $10.00 members. Success in this campaign will put the Council permanently on its feet and end the dismal business of begging our friends to help us past another crisis.

Schaeffer thought that if you would lead off for Mississippi, that would be the best thing to get the effort moving in the State. He will arrange a meeting in the Fall, when he will try to find the other people.

It is a lot to ask, but if you could agree to be one of Mississippi's fifty, the example (circulated strictly by word of mouth) would be very helpful indeed.

We would rather have the ten new members than the flat $100. But in any case you would have until January or even later to fulfill.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

CC: H. Brent Schaeffer

August 17, 1950

Mrs. Julia Hill
3607 Seminary Avenue
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Julia:

We were at a mighty low point when your letter came. The last half of August is a time when you can't stir any money out of foundations, churches, or any other well-wishers. We met the payroll for August 15, and had $21.00 left in the bank, so that check of yours started us back on the upgrade.

I am deeply grateful. I know that you haven't got checks like that to send around gaily, and you must mix my thanks in with the economies here and there in your and Ruth's household that will make up for it.

I will come to see you soon and say my thanks myself.

It was mighty nice of Ruth to haul Charlotte down to New York and get her safely on the Seaboard train. Charlotte arrived in good order, and we are very grateful to Putney and to Ruth.

Affectionately,

GSM:er

August 18, 1950

Mr. J. M. Tydings
The Lincoln Foundation
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Tydings:

Thank you for your letter of August 15.

Mrs. Huff has checked her records, and we find the following:

We have Mrs. Moss credited with $5.00, and not $10.00, as per your letter of early May. So her dues are covered; however, because of the discrepancy, perhaps some further checking should be done.

Mrs. Huff also finds that the same contribution list from you credits Mrs..Crutcher with a $2.50 contribution. You may wish, therefore, to write her as a follow up on your letter of a few days ago.

Sorry for the errors. What happened apparently is that the old membership cards were pulled; I have been holding them and writing as I had a chance, and failed to check back to see if new memberships had been entered for them (which is what had happened). It won't happen again.

Regards,

Beth Rogers
Secretary to Dr. Mitchell

August 18, 1950

To: Norma Huff

At least one copy of the by-laws "As Revised November 8, 1949" contains, under Article V, Section 2, a final sentence providing for proxies for members of the Executive Committee.

My best recollection is that such a clause was desired by one member of the Executive Committee and was drafted and presented to the membership meeting of 1949, which rejected it.

Can you determine whether the clause as mimeographed in the alleged November 8, 1949, revision is duly there or erroneously there?

GSM

GSM:er

August 18, 1950

Mr. M. D. Hackman, Assistant to the Treasurer
Division of Home Missions and Church Extension
of the Board of Missions and Church Extension
Methodist Church
1701 Arch Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Hackman:

Our records show that in the past we have received our first quarterly payment of your fiscal year about the middle of July.

We assume, therefore, that a payment is now due. Forgive us if this assumption is incorrect, but our strained financial situation prompts us to write you. A payment coming at this time would do much to help us through a lull in the summer.

Your interest and support helps greatly. We do appreciate it.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 18, 1950

Mrs. Irving H. Cohn
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

I am much interested in your letter of August 16.

The whole complex problem is the one we usually shrug off by saying, "They just don't understand." But we are all reasonable people, personally and professionally tolerant. I think most of the South's liberals understand our opposites in the North and cheer their every activity. It is certainly worth a good deal of effort to try to get our friends up there to understand why we have to set the pace we do.

A certain official cleavage between Northern and Southern professional people in this field stems out of the fact that (if my information is right) the American Council on Race Relations was financed (fatly) in order to take on in the North and the West the sort of work that had long been under way by the Commission on Interracial Cooperation and its succeeding Southern Regional Council hereabouts. They had to get their money, and we had to get ours. They could set one pace, we another. They could tie their work in directly with the universities, and we could not. NAIRO is an outgrowth of the American Council on Race Relations.

The arrangement I made years ago with Louis Wirth and the American Council was that I was anxious for the American Council to assist anybody or any organization in the South with information, but that we hoped that proposals that additional organizations in this field of interest be set up in the South would be worked out in conjunction with SRC.

I hear that the American Councill will fold up in a few weeks unless saved by some miracle.

NAIRO ought to have a much wider Southern membership. I will do what more I can to make it easy for them to circularize Southern people having this interest. I suggest that you write them and tell them of individuals or organizations which you think of as suitable for them to be in touch with in the South. They are shaky financially, too, and will need to have dues from their new members. If I am not mistaken, the fee is now $10.00, and they have a surviving schedule of organizational memberships which come a good deal higher.

I will gladly join with you in a campaign to get NAIRO to expand into the South and be more understanding of our problems.

Thanks for the note also about the ten dollar, three dollar, seven dollar business. I will cross New Orleans off as agreeing.

Forget not that you are to see Mr. Dent and try to work out a Fall meeting at Baton Rouge.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 18, 1950

Mr. Murray Branch
School of Religion
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branch:

Many thanks for your letter about Camp Sequoyah. I will plan to get to the camp by or before nine o'clock Sunday night, August 27. I will be there all day Monday, the 28th, but will leave at the close, headed back for Atlanta.

I am glad I will be on the program with Ted Freedman.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 18, 1950

Miss Josephine Wilkins
Atlanta Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Josephine:

When Mrs. Huff, our Secretary-Treasurer, got back, we were rejoicing over your most generous check. Then a treasurer's keen eye caught the date!

If you meant it for December, goodness knows we'll be happy to have it then, but I think you meant it for August.

We continue to be warmly appreciative.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

August 18, 1950

Mr. Larry Rogin
Textile Workers Union of America
99 University Place
New York 3, New York

Dear Larry:

All straight about the TWUA school at Black Mountain. I can teach any of the things you have listed, and shall come prepared with simple text material to make the students read.

I will get up there Sunday night, September 3, sometime. And I will have to leave, at latest, by noon on Friday, the 8th, because I have a meeting of my Executive Committee here in Atlanta on the 9th.

I look forward to seeing you up there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 18, 1950

Mrs. Winston H. Irwin
1006 Jamestown Crescent
Norfolk 8, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Irwin:

I am glad to do what I can toward suggesting people who might be used as speakers for the Women's Council for Interracial Cooperation this year.

Most of those I think of are Negroes:

Col. Campbell C. Johnson
U. S. Selective Service System
Washington, D. C.

Able, sincere, of good bearing; fully informed on the advance of the Negro in the armed forces, and a fine speaker.

Dr. H. T. Penn
36 Center Avenue, N.W.
Roanoke, Virginia

A dentist, probably the outstanding leader in the Negro community in Roanoke, quietly active in local government matters. Long a member of the city Democratic Committee, and latterly given some still more important political assignment. I have never heard him speak, but know him to be able, upright, and fully abreast.

President Alonzo Moron, at Hampton. You will know about him. Of the very highest quality.

Neill McLean
Bricks School
Bricks, Nr. Halifax, North Carolina

A trained agriculturalist, devoted to finding ways by which poorer Negro farmers can climb into land-ownership and prosperity. He works the year around with people and with dirt, and as a speaker he may seem a bit from back-in-the-country, but he does his own, good, thinking, and his heart is full of charity. He won't have the pat, V.P.I. answers, but he'll give your people a clear understanding of what Negro farming is like. And he has worked for the last ten years in an area which is part of Norfolk's agricultural hinterland.

Harold DeWitt
900 St. James Street
Richmond, Virginia

Industrial Secretary of the Richmond Urban League. Good guy, with plenty of practical instances of how certain people were got into such and such a factory, and what had to be done to achieve regularity in work habits. Works week-in and week-out at tjust what your group is interested in.

I am told that a young man at Radford State Teachers College (a white man) has an official connection with Vocational Rehabilitation in Virginia and is deeply interested in and has had experience with up-grading Negroes. Has M.A. from University of Virginia, in psychology. Can speak well. I haven't met him, but would trust my information about him. Name, Paul Behrens.

Either Mr. P. B. Young, sr. or Mr. P. B. Young, jr., at the Journal and Guide would do as good a job as any outside expert.

Other leads, which you could follow there:

The U. S. Department of Labor maintains an apprenticeship-training service. If a State has laws assisting such work, the U. S. man simply registers what the State does. If no State law, the U. S. Government will provide directly a service that assists the negotiation of apprentice-training contracts between employers and workers, usually organized. I and others have nagged the U. S. people for years, trying to get them to do more to get formal apprentice-training for Negroes. They always say that their only business is to approve contracts worked out between employers and their employees, and the Government men won't even cough up the figures on a race-breakdown. Find out who runs that program in Norfolk, and give him a spot to stand on. Now

that the war demands new skills in quantity, it is high time to get him, and the city, to open up. It is partly a union problem. But public opinion could lick it. And this is an important, orderly channel for getting at it.

Veterans Training. You have some excellent people there in the city school system who know what has been done in the various phases of this program to train whites and Negroes. It is setting a pattern that's important.

Inquire about and see if there is anybody able in the Communications Workers of America, C.I.O. They are the telephone people, and they will have to be the ones to open up. Their National policy is straight. Make them tell you about how, and if, they apply it in Norfolk.

The Baltimore Urban League used to be a good one, and probably has somebody as Industrial Secretary that would do well. And I count Baltimore and Norfolk cousins.

You have chosen an excellent topic. Every success to your group. We cherish our kinship to you!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

August 18, 1950

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Here's a memorandum. We've done our best to meet your description. But the description was brief, and this may not be at all what would do most good. If you can look through it, and tell me what needs changing, I'll be most grateful.

Observe that you've been supplied with TWO forms of the first page -- one with Mr. Whitney's name and one without. You choose which may be helpful. Or we'll do still a different form.

I've attached a copy of the 1949 audit, on the assumption that somewhere along the line exact figures will be asked for.

We are deeply grateful for your intent to have this try. Best of luck! We need some luck!

On the September 9 meeting of the Executive Committee, we will of course release you. I wrote as I did to stick by the rules. But the Executive Committee, as you well know, would make new rules for anybody who found a way to keep us at work!

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 21, 1950

Mr. W. R. Banks
Prairie View College
Prairie View, Texas

Dear Mr. Banks:

When the Julius Rosenwald Fund went out of business, we began, all too late, to scratch about in great earnestness for a broad basis of support for the Council. We have worked hard to bring up individual contributions from people all over the South. In former years, that ran to only a thousand or two dollars. In 1949, it was three or four. And thus far in 1950, it is already nearly $10,000. As it takes $35,000 to run the show, even on a minimum basis, we are still desperately in need of foundation support and are trying hard to get it.

Meanwhile, a new and excellent Finance Committee is trying a bold but feasible plan. The Committee is Glenn Rainey, who teaches at Georgia Tech, Rufus Clement of Atlanta University, and John Griffin, who teaches at Emory. Not as academic a committee as it sounds. They are pushers.

They have worked out the plan described in the enclosed green printed leaflet. You will see that it calls for fifty people in each Southern State to be responsible for finding us either $100 or, preferably, ten new $10.00 members before or during the early part of 1951.

Obviously, this office cannot operate a plan of this kind within each State. Somebody in the State must head it up and make it move. It will probably mean calling a small meeting and working out a list of people who should be able to write friends and ask them to take on the $100 or the $10.00 responsibility.

Texas is a bit of a problem for us. Most of you there who are interested in the interracial cause rightly strain to assist the Texas Interracial Commission. It needs money and paid personnel. And of course we deal with the Texas Commission just as though it were an integral part of the Council.

Still, the Council itself has roughly 160 members in the State who have kept their dues coming, and there is some mutual obligation of the South to help with things in Texas and of Texas to help with things in the rest of the South.

Now that you have a bit more leisure, would you let it be invaded so far as to take on the chairmanship for Texas of a 50 for '51 campaign for the Council? It would mean calling a meeting and writing some letters and reporting from time to time on how far you got. We would send you all the supplies and we would pay any postage or other moderate expense involved.

We are convinced that your position in the State would nearly carry such a campaign of itself.

I know it is a whole lot to ask, but the Committee is clear that you are the right one.

Could you?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encls.: 2 leaflets
1 return envelope

CC: Mrs. Crate

August 21, 1950

Dr. and Mrs. John C. Blalock
734 West Wesley Road, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Blalock:

In cross checking our records, we have discovered that you paid membership dues in the Southern Regional Council in April last year. There is no indication that you have been receiving our publications and we deeply regret this error.

The accompanying packet contains a sample of Council literature. We are entering a membership for youy at this date and trust that there will be no further difficulty. Please notify me if you fail to receive New South.

We do appreciate your interest in our work and hope you will accept our apology.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 21, 1950

Miss M. Katherina Glick
441 Mimosa Drive
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Miss Glick:

In cross checking our records, we have discovered that you paid membership dues in the Southern Regional Council in May 1950. There is no indication that you have been receiving our publications and we deeply regret this error.

The accompanying packet contains a sample of Council literature. We are entering a membership for you at this date and trust that there will be no further difficulty. Please notify me if you fail to receive New South.

We do appreciate your interest in our work and hope you will accept our apology.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 21, 1950

Mr. I. T. Felder
1206 Mansfield Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Felder:

In cross checking our records we have discovered that you paid membership dues in the Southern Regional Council in December of last year. There is no indication that you have been receiving our publications, and we deeply regret this error.

The accompanying packet contains a sample of Council literature. We are entering a membership for you at this date and trust there will be no further difficulty. Please notify me if you fail to receive New South.

We do appreciate your interest in our work and hope you will accept our apology.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 21, 1950

Mr. H. Lewis Butts
507½ Adams Street
Macon, Georgia

Dear Mr. Butts:

In cross checking our records, we have discovered that you paid membership dues in the Southern Regional Council in December of last year. There is no indication that you have been receiving our publications and we deeply regret this error.

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We do appreciate your interest in our work and hope you will accept our apology.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 21, 1950

Professor Douglas E. Jackson
103 Emory Court Annex, N.E.
Atlanta 6, Georgia

Dear Mr. Jackson:

In cross checking our records, we have discovered that you paid membership dues in the Southern Regional Council in April this year. There is no indication that you have been receiving our publications and we deeply regret this error.

The accompanying packet contains a sample of Council literature. We are entering a membership for you at this date and trust that there will be no further difficulty. Please notify me if you fail to receive New South.

We do appreciate your interest in our work and hope you will accept our apology.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 21, 1950

Mr. Quintin Whyte
c/o Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Whyte:

I am delighted that you are on this side and are coming to Atlanta, and with your wife.

Our Southern Regional Council considers itself a near cousin to what you do in South Africa. So you are in for a family greeting.

Whatever our Council can do to make the visit of both of you interesting and pleasant, we want to do. I have friends in the trade union movement and could arrange about some mixed union meetings. I am also trying to work out one or two local meetings of interracial committees. For Mrs. Whyte, our best exhibit in adult education is probably the Southern Education Film Production Service, headquartered at Athens, Georgia. I am friendly with its people and think we could arrange a special showing of some of its Southern documentaries.

Do let us know as soon as you have reached the city and we will try to arrange whatever you and Mrs. Whyte may select.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

August 21, 1950

Mr. David H. Scull
Box 175
Route 1
Annandale, Virginia

Dear Mr. Scull:

Many thanks for your recent check for membership dues.

I wish to assure you that we concur in your wish that annual meetings could be held farther north than Atlanta. Each year we entertain the proposal that this be done, but our lack of finances has not yet permitted the meeting to be held in other Southern cities. It is totally out of the question this year, but we do realize that we should reach you good members who are far from Atlanta.

The meeting date for this year has not yet been determined, but will be sometime the first or second week in November. You will be sent a notice and we do hope you will be able to come.

Our best regards and thanks for your continued interest in the Council.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 21, 1950

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

We have received the dues for Mr. and Mrs. Ortique and have entered their membership.

Can you help us with these two members? Tracers have been returned and neither left a forwarding address.

Mr. W. H. Mitchell, Jr.
Y.M.C.A. 200 Dryades Street
New Orleans

Mrs. Elsa Butler Groves
Dillard University
New Orleans.

Mrs. Groves sent a contribution this May. Any help you can give is appreciated.

Our thanks.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 21, 1950

Miss Josephine Wilkins
Atlanta Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Josephine:

How wonderful of you to lend us some help once again! We do wish your big check didn't have to be "blood money". As you well know, it means a great deal to us.

Your faithful participation and interest in the Council has afforded much intelligence guidance. We do appreciate you.

Thanks from all of us for all your good works.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 21, 1950

Miss Josephine Hamilton
Church Hill, Tennessee

Dear Miss Hamilton:

That was kind of you to send the additional roll of clippings.

I looked through them and thought them all of great interest.

Tell me what you do. Are you still part of Chattanooga's schools, or what? I had great hopes of your book. Is it further along or has it already come out?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

August 21, 1950

Mrs. Herman Heyman
1271 Oxford Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Josephine:

That was as nice of you as could be to send Mrs. Mervyn Sterne's generous and most helpful contribution of $31.00.

As soon as your letter came in I called up Glenn, who said he would be in touch with you and see whether there would be opportunity for him to talk to the Sternes when they came back to Atlanta.

We really have nothing in Birmingham except a good handful of members. As an organization they do very little, and they have lately lost their more vigorous leader, Mr. Marmion.

I keep hoping I can go to Birmingham and get them to work.

You rejoice us greatly by remembering our necessities and trying to do something genuine about it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 21, 1950

Mr. Alex Miller
Anti-Defamation League
11 Pryor Street, S.W., Suite 305
Atlanta, 3, Georgia

Dear Alex:

When the memorandum about the Birmingham business came in, I wrote to Edmonds over there and asked him for advice as to how our slender forces could best be used in that situation. I will let you know what we can do.

It is pretty bad, and it needs to be jumped on.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 21, 1950

Miss Veniette Caswell
National Council on Agricultural
Life and Labor
1751 N Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Caswell:

Thank you for the good literature sent August 17.

I am not rich enough to help you financially, but I will do all I can to help you get your materials and your movement understood in the South.

Many of your people are my close friends, particularly Marjorie Egloff, to whom please give my warm regards.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 21, 1950

Rev. W. W. Wilkie
2100 Wolfe Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Wilkie:

Here is a copy of a letter I sent to Mr. Banks in Texas. It is the longest and most fully explanatory of a series I have written to a selected person in each Southern State. For economy of time, I send you merely a copy instead of having it all typed out again.

You will see what the problem is. I hesitate to burden a brand-new organization with a task of this kind, and yet the whole Council has to live.

Will you turn over in your mind how it ought to be managed in Arkansas and let me know? If you will yourself take on managing the campaign, we would be delighted. But I am sure there will be special problems, and I beg your kind advice.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

August 22, 1950

Mr. Henry J. McGuinn
Virginia Union University
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. McGuinn:

Please forgive this delay in answering your letter of August 15, but it took us some time to unearth the original clipping from the Jackson Daily News on "Our Disgraceful Negro Schools." The date of the editorial was February 5, 1949.

We received an advance typewritten copy of the court's decision overthrowing the Boswell Amendment and thus do not have the citation added at the time of printing. As it came to us, the decision was entitled "Civil Action No. 758 in the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of Alabama; Hunter Davis et al. vs. Milton Schnell et al."

According to the 1950 estimates we have, the number of Negroes registered in Georgia is approximately 133,000, comprising 11 per cent of the total registration. We have no figures on the number actually voting in the recent primary.

We have made no first-hand investigation since Dr. Luther Jackson prepared for us "Race and Suffrage in the South Since 1940." You probably have a copy, but on the off-chance that you do not, I send one separately without charge. I am also sending several copies of New South which contain material of possible interest. The charge for these is five cents each, or a total of twenty-five cents.

If we can be of further help, do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming

Director of Information

August 22, 1950

Miss Erma M. Appleby
3025 Ontario Road, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Erma:

How very kind that was of you to send us so generous a check.

We are most grateful.

Warmest wishes.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

August 22, 1950

Mr. Felton G. Clark, President
Southern University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Clark:

We were delighted to have your request for more copies of the last issue of New South, and I sent them off right away. You have helped so nobly that we make them a most modest gift to you.

The story that accompanied the table really contained about all the information we had. We got one good letter from somebody in each State and put into the story most of the contents of those letters. So there is no reserve of information.

I have argued for a good while that in the field of teaching, the habit of separate associations would begin to die as soon as Negro and white teachers' salaries were equalized. As long as the two scales were different, the white teachers had an interest in keeping Negro salaries low and the Negro teachers had a special interest in getting their rightful due. But when the salary is the same, nobody gets anything unless everybody does. So there is a direct economic pressure for the two to come together as a single association.

I suppose the same plan would work in the college and secondary schools associations. But equalization, though coming rapidly, is still a long way from being achieved, and as long as that is the case, I suppose there will continue to be a division of interest. Probably the Negro college officials will feel that more keenly than the white ones.

With that argument in the back of my mind, I would proceed to put the two together on the professional level. That would be as to standards, accrediting, and curriculum discussions, but I would consciously plan to keep as a special interest group, an association of the Negro institutions with fiscal and legal problems as its main business. That may be no help, but it is the first thing that comes into my mind on the problem. It is fine that you are

to have a joint meeting in October.

I am waiting for word from Mrs. Cohn (who was to talk, I believe, with Mr. Dent) about attendance from New Orleans at a Statewide SRC meeting in your area in the Fall.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 22, 1950

Dr. Howard W. Odum
Department of Sociology
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Odum:

You will remember that when I sent you the Herald Tribune story praising the Council you came back with a note that they "ruint" us by ascribing the bulk of the money to the Rosenwald Fund, whereas GEB and others have done much more.

From 1944 through 1949, the Rosenwald Fund put in $161,500, excluding some $70,000 of Rosenwald money spent through the Council for the Veterans Services program. GEB gave us $50,000, which was spent between 1944 and 1948. Without adding the figures, I would say that the Methodists have put in altogether $13,000, all other church sources combined not over $8,000.

So by the figures Lesesne was right.

However, we are most anxious to get GEB support again, and I do want you and others to have that in mind. I believe that Gordon Hancock has interested Douglas Freeman in some more help from there.

We have greatly increased the proportion that individual contributions bear to our total annual income. We have had already, in fives and tens and twenties, from over the South this year, nearly $10,000. But there is still a gap of $10,000 or $15,000 of foundation money that we are going to have to have even to keep a minimum program.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 22, 1950

Mr. Jacob L. Reddix
Jackson College
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Reddix:

I have had time to read through your travel log which you were kind enough to hand me when I was in Jackson.

It is of the greatest interest, and I appreciate the opportunity to share your trip with you in this way.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 22, 1950

Rev. W. W. Wilkie
2100 Wolfe Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Wilkie:

The by-laws of the Southern Regional Council provide that heads of State Divisions shall be ex officio members of the Board of Directors of the Council.

It is my privilege now to inform you of your inclusion in the Board of Directors.

The Board meets once a year at a stated date, the second Wednesday in November. That puts it this year on November 8, here in Atlanta. We have always hitherto found the money to pay the expenses of members of the Board in attending that annual meeting, and we hope to be sufficiently in funds to do that again this year.

It is an excellent Board, and we are delighted that you are a member of it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 23, 1950

Miss Athalie Lindler
Box 1176
Richmond, Va.

Dear Miss Lindler:

The Southern Regional Council would be happy to have Presbyterian YOUTH reprint any part of Singers in the Dawn. I should point out, however, that the Council does not hold the copyright to any of the poems in the booklet but obtained permission to reprint any of them from the publishers mentioned in the foreword.

It does not seem to me that any permission would be necessary to use the Phyllis Wheatley poem which you quote. It was written more than 150 years ago and I should think it would clearly be in the public domain.

Cordially yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

August 23, 1950

Mrs. James B. Givins, Conference Treasurer
Tennessee Conference
Woman's Society of Christain Service
529 South Margin Street
Franklin, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Givins:

We are sincerely grateful for the generous contribution of the Tennessee Conference of W.S.C.S. It comes at a time of need and we ask you to extend our thanks to your organization for their kindness.

We are happy to enter subscriptions for Mrs. Tillman and Mrs. Sloan. The membership is being entered in your name and you will receive all our publications.

A notice concerning our annual membership meeting in November will be sent you. We do hope you will be able to attend, and if not, perhaps the Tennessee Conference will send a representative.

Please accept our appreciation for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

August 23, 1950

Dr. D. V. Jemison, Pastor
Tabernacle Baptist Church
1605 Lapsley Street
Selma, Alabama

Dear Dr. Jemison:

We hesitate to remind you of your kindness in pledging an additional fifty dollars to the Southern Regional Council.

In February you generously sent us fifty dollars with the statement that you would send the same amount later. Our strained financial situation after a slow summer has prompted me to write you. It would help us greatly to receive this pledge now.

Your continued friendship for the Council has meant much to us. We do appreciate your interest and participation in our program.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 23, 1950

Miss Sue Craig
Craigsville, Virginia

Dear Miss Craig:

For several years you have been a faithful and interested member of the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation.

It has occurred to me that you should be invited to become a member of the Southern Regional Council also. The Georgia Committee is the affiliated group of the Council in Georgia, and its members are receiving our publication, New South. A membership in the Council would entitle you to receive New South and other literature as it is published. Annual meetings of the Council are held in November and all members are invited to attend and participate.

I enclose a pamphlet describing the Council and extend a cordial invitation to join our membership.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 24, 1950

Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara
222 East Harris Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Monsignor McNamara:

John Griffin is writing you about the meeting yesterday to launch the 50 for '51 campaign in Georgia. We were to send you directly the list of the Georgia members as annotated to show who had undertaken to see whom.

We are taking this list in person to other Board members who could not be present yesterday and getting their advice.

We mail it to you and ask your great kindness in telling us of any names more particularly in your area who should be approached and of what your advice is as to the way to approach them. That is to say, will you see them, or should someone else, of whom you will advise, see them?

With cordial appreciation of your devoted help,

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff

NH:er

August 24, 1950

Mr. Harry Wright
2171 Madison Avenue, Apt. 5-E
New York, New York

Dear Harry:

Here is omitted a paragraph of expletives about your never writing to me and your fiscal problems, etc.

Continuing thereafter as before:

Here is the way we are going to finance the Council from now on out.

Our friend Schaeffer, the Lutheran preacher in Jackson, has taken on the job of being Chairman for Mississippi.

Meanwhile, I thought maybe you, for Mississippi's sake, would take on being one of the fifty for Mississippi to raise a hundred dollars for us. You could write to your friends in Jackson or you could convert some more of your friends in New York.

If I ask too much of you, skip it, but I will be hopeful for at least a postcard from you saying, "Sure. I'll be glad to. Your friend, Harry."

Sincerely,

Your friend,

George

GSM:er

Same letter to other Chairmen asked or accepted:

H. Brent Schaeffer (Mississippi)
J. M. Dabbs - S. C.
J. M. Tydings - Ky.
Wm. Cole - Tenn.
W. R. Banks - Tex.
W. W. Wilkie - Ark.
W. W. Gibbs - Fla.
Mrs. Cohn - New Orleans
Paul Wms. - Va.

August 24, 1950

Mr. A. D. Beittel, President
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Mr. Beittel:

In the 50 for '51 campaign, the Georgia Chairman, John Griffin, arranged a meeting yesterday in Bishop Moore's conference room of the Georgia members of the Board of Directors of SRC.

Attendance in late August was thin, but those who were present were ready to act.

They were supplied with lists of all of the Georgia members of the Council, annotated to show previous contributions in excess of dues. The Board members went down the list, name by name, and wherever they struck someone thought to be able to assume the responsibility of being one of the fifty, they agreed as to who should approach that person. You understand that each of the fifty is either to find $100 or get ten new ten-dollar members.

The meeting lasted only an hour and a half. In that time they covered every one of the several hundred Georgia members and other names that came up in addition. They turned up 111 people (including the nineteen Board members) whom they thought likely prospects to be "one of the 50."

We are arranging for visits, list in hand, to be made to the Georgia Board members who could not be present yesterday, so that their advice could be obtained too.

The literature for the campaign says that the sums should be in by January 1, 1951. Those responsible for the Georgia effort said that, while they hoped the sums would come in by that date or early in 1951, they would expect some of the new memberships to come trickling in much later in 1951.

The Georgia people were trying consciously to do a kick-off for other States. I thought they did quite well indeed.

If we will all pull pretty hard at this, I am confident we can put the whole Council on its feet and get it in position substantially to help the State Divisions.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF
GEORGE S. MITCHELL

August 24, 1950

To all staff with lists:

Raymond Paty's secretary called yesterday.

He has moved, and his present home address is:

Route 1
Decatur, Georgia

Mail reaches him better, and faster, at Rich's, though.

Beth

Same letter to: John Griffin
Rufus Clement

August 24, 1950

Mr. Glenn W. Rainey
120 Third Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Glenn:

A letter of this kind went to each 50 for '51 State Chairman or person thus far requested to serve in that capacity.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er
Encl.

August 24, 1950

Dr. Harry V. Richardson, President
Gammon Theological Seminary
9 McDonough Boulevard, S.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Richardson:

Here are the people whom you agreed to contact for the 50 for 51 campaign:

Mr. Clarence A. Bacote	Atlanta University
Dr. James P. Brawley (with Glenn Rainey)	Clark College
Bishop Fountain	
Dr. W. A. Fountain, Jr.	Morris Brown College
Rev. Maynard Jackson	451 Ashby Street, N.W.
S. M. Nabritt, Dean	Arts & Sciences, Atlanta University
Rev. & Mrs. L. M. Tobin	281 Henry Street, S.W.
Bishop J.W.E. Bowen (with Morris Abram)	

We will be glad to send you 50 for 51 literature whenever you need it.

All our thanks for your many efforts on our behalf. We do appreciate your help.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 24, 1950

Mr. Glenn W. Rainey
120 Third Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rainey:

Here are your lists.

The one marked 50 for 51 contains those people whom you agreed to contact.

The second list of Georgia members is for your use when you vist Mr. Armand May. If and when he chooses people to contact, we should know as soon as possible, so that his work won't be duplicated by another staff or Board member.

With wishes for good luck and much appreciation of you efforts,

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 24, 1950

Mr. John Griffin
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Mr. Griffin:

Here is your list of people you agreed to contact.

We will be glad to send you any of the 50 for 51 leaflets when you need them.

Members of the Board of Directors should probably keep in touch with you and with us so that these contacts won't be duplicated. Some duplication will be hard to avoid.

Monsignor McNamara is out on the West Coast and will return the end of this month. We are sending him a list of all the Georgia members with indication as to which people have not yet been spoken for.

All our thanks for your good works.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 25, 1950

Mr. Alexander F. Miller
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
11 Pryor Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Alex:

Enclosed is a copy of the "Manual for the Home Town Self-Survey" which the Council has made available for several years in mimeographed form. As the example of the self-survey method has spread, more and more communities have requested copies of the Manual and the advisory services offered by the Council. In order to meet this growing interest, a printed edition of the Manual is badly needed. A revised version is now in preparation, but the Council will need financial help in order to make publication possible. We greatly hope that the Anti-Defamation League will be willing to contribute the five hundred dollars necessary to get the Manual into print.

A good deal of material is already in print on survey methods, the community audit, and similar techniques. But the Council's Manual is uniquely useful in the South for several reasons.

First of all, the Manual was prepared specifically for Southern communities. While it stresses the importance of participation by both races and all religious groups in the survey, you will notice that it avoids any language which would antagonize the Southern reader. Everywhere the self-survey has been used, civil rights have moved ahead as a natural result; but the use of the term "civil rights" and others like it would have been fatal. There is no need to tell you that the South is a peculiar place where the success of pro-democratic effort often depends on what you call it.

The Manual is geared to the Southern community in other ways, too. In the South, there is legal segregation, and the questionnaires are designed to take this into account. If they were not, there would be no way to measure Negro conditions against white conditions. As it is, the

questionnaires serve to point up the discriminations and inequalities suffered by Negroes in any Southern community. And that is essential in educating the community to do something about them.

While the self-survey itself is largely concerned with the material conditions under which people live, its most important benefits are in the field of human relations. An outstanding example was the self-survey recently completed in Greenville, S. C. As one of the members of the steering committee said: "The best thing about the survey was that it got people together. We didn't know each other well enough. Now we do. Meeting and working together -- not as people of two races, but as citizens with a common purpose -- has been a release and a relief."

Finally, I should point out that the Manual is not a new document, but a working instrument which has been tested and refined by four years' experience with the self-survey. The Council served as technical adviser to the Jacksonville (Florida) self-survey in 1946, and has since aided a number of other towns and cities ranging in size from Madison, Ga. (population: 2,000) to Shreveport, La. (population: 100,000). It has thus been possible to develop the Manual into a flexible device that can serve equally well in communities of varying sizes and needs. Most important of all, we know by experience that it works.

If you would like any further information about the use of the Manual and the self-survey method, please let me know.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF/j

August 25, 1950

Mr. Rowland Watts
National Secretary
Workers Defense League
112 East 19th Street
New York 3, New York

Dear Mr. Watts:

I am greatly heartened by your letter of August 21. A most kind and thoughtful act.

Here is what I have written in to the Fund. I send you separately copies of the supporting materials, though I omit the audit, copies of which are scarce.

We are not yet quite desperate, though I must say it is hard to see where the rest of this year's money and more than a part of next year's will come from. A goodly sum from The National Sharecropper Fund would do a lot toward relieving our worries and letting us do our job instead of beg dimes.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

August 25, 1950

The National Sharecropper Fund
40 East 49th Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Sirs:

Could our Council get some help from The National Sharecropper Fund?

I could detail at great length what the Council is and what it does. As a short cut, if you will let us, I send these two good stories from recent issues of the New York Herald Tribune, plus other published materials and a copy of our last annual audit -- that for 1949.

One of the basic things we work at is the improvement of the condition of that major part of the Southern people who still get their living by agriculture, and of the major part of those who are made poor and dependent by bad conditions of tenure or ownership of farms too small for reasonable support.

I am myself to some degree familiar with agricultural conditions, and many who have worked closely with the Council share a special interest in bettering the condition of the farming people of the South. I call particular attention to Arthur Raper's pamphlet, Machines in the Cotton Fields, the section on rural housing in our pamphlet on Housing in the South, the article on land tenure in an issue of New South a couple of years back, and a recent fly-sheet on small-town slum clearance. This last was of particular interest to the National Farm Labor Union.

The Council's need arises from the disbandment of the Julius Rosenwald Fund, which put in, in earlier years, about half of what kept the Council going.

We have tried our best, last year and this, to replace that sum with individual contributions almost entirely from people scat-

tered over the South. We have brought the amount of those individual contributions, over and above dues, received in 1950 already to approximately $10,000. That is a pretty good sum to come in in fives and tens from people with no great means and with many appeals to their interests. Still, we are $12,000 or $15,000 short of enough to meet the budget even for minimum operation.

We will be hopeful that you can include us in your next appeal,* and I will dare to hope in addition that you can find some amount unallocated this year, which would ease our most pressing needs.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

*In an appeal, we will expect you to give us a chance to review in advance, copy relating to the Southern Regional Council -- we have our strategies to safeguard.

GSM:er

August 25, 1950

Mr. Harry Gersh
Education Department
Textile Workers Union of America
99 University Place
New York 3, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Gersh:

Thank you for your letter of August 23 with reference to our pamphlet "Greenville's Big Idea."

The cost of individual copies is twenty cents, but we will be glad to give you a quantity price of fifteen dollars per hundred copies; that is, $24.75 for 165 copies.

We look forward to receiving your order.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

August 25, 1950

Dr. Will W. Alexander
New Hope Farm, Route 3
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Will:

Mighty nice of you. We have a room for you at the Piedmont, September 11 and following.

I will look for you that Monday morning.

Gratefully,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

August 25, 1950

Miss Josephine Wilkins
Atlanta Biltmore
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Josephine:

We can send you 50 for 51 literature or any other Council pamphlets whenever you want them.

Good luck in your contact with Wilma Van Dusseldorp. Her address is Box 45, Alpharetta.

We continue to say thanks for all your help.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 25, 1950

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

Here are the people whom you agreed to contact.

Mr. Donald Oberdorfer	1173 Briarcliff Road, N.E.
Mrs. Walter Rich (?)	330 Argonne Drive, N.E.
Mrs. Calvin Sandison	3025 Nancy Creek Road, N.W.
Mr. & Mrs. James J. Selvage	Biltmore Hotel Apts.

We will be glad to send you 50 for 51 leaflets and other Council literature when you need them.

We would appreciate very much knowing Mrs. Rich's correct name so we can change our records.

Our many thanks for all your good help.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 25, 1950

Mr. Morris Abram
Connally Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

Here is the list of people whom you agreed to contact.

Mr. Joseph L. Abraham	15 Princeton Way, N.E.
Mr. & Mrs. Cecil A. Alexander	3482 Peachtree Rd., N.E.
Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Frey	1469 E. Rock Springs Rd., N.E.
Mrs. Harry M. Gershon	1590 Harvard Rd., N.E.
Dr. Irving Greenberg	816 Grant Building
Mr. Sinclair Jacobs	77 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Dr. J. R. McCain	Agnes Scott College, Decatur
Mr. Louis Regenstein, Jr.	Hurt Building
Mr. A. T. Walden	200 Walden Building
George Goodwin	Atlanta Journal
C. Baxter Jones, Jr.	1120 C. & S. Bank Bldg.
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Toombs	2871 Normandy Drive, N.W.
Bishop J.W. E. Bowen	
William Turpin	Macon

We can send you Council literature along with the 50 for 51 leaflets any time you want them.

Many thanks for all your good works.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 25, 1950

Mr. John A. Harris
22 Mary Street
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Harris:

We were very pleased to receive a copy of your "Progress Report to the Members of the Interracial Committee." Both the story and the telling of it are excellent.

The September issue of New South will contain our annual round-up on Negro policemen in Southern cities. The object, as you know, is to help local people get their own communities to adopt the practice. I wonder if we might have your permission to reprint your "Progress Report" in that issue. It would be useful to our members and friends throughout the South.

Any necessary changes could be made, of course. I myself think it is most effective as it stands. But if, for example, circumstances in Charleston made it advisable to omit the individual names used, that could be easily done. In any case, I shall look forward to hearing from you.

Again, our congratulations to you and to the Committee for an excellent piece of work.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

August 25, 1950

Mr. Hodding Carter
Delta Democrat-Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Carter:

How very kind indeed that is of you!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 25, 1950

Mrs. John W. Howell
375 Mt. Prospect Avenue
Newark 4, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Howell:

Our records show that your Southern Regional Council dues are past due for two years. It has been necessary to raise the dues to $3.00 per year, so that the total you owe is $6.00.

We are reluctant to call this to your attention in view of your generous contribution in 1948, but our strained budget prompts me to write you.

We are indeed grateful for your interest in the Council and for your support of our work.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 25, 1950

Mr. M. D. Hackman, Assistant to the Treasurer
Division of Home Missions and Church Extension
of the Board of Missions and Church Extension
Methodist Church
1701 Arch Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Hackman:

We wish to acknowledge with many thanks your check for two hundred and fifty dollars ($250.00), which represents the quarterly payment ending August 31, 1950

We are deeply grateful for your interest in our work, and ask you to please extend our thanks to the Board of Missions and Church Extension for their generous support.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

Same letter to: John Griffin
Rufus Clement
Josephine Wilkins
Grace Hamilton

August 25, 1950

Mr. Glenn W. Rainey
120 Third Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Glenn:

Our Mississippi 50 for '51 Chairman asked me to write Hodding Carter and ask Carter to kick off the Mississippi campaign with a promise of $100 or ten new members.

I wrote Mr. Carter. He replied August 22 as follows: "Dear Mr. Mitchell: I will underwrite the $100 and will try to get in ten new members which I agree is the best."

So the starting gun has sounded in Mississippi.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 25, 1950

Rev. H. Brent Schaeffer
1525 Robinson Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Schaeffer:

Hodding Carter wrote under date of August 22 as follows:

"Dear Mr. Mitchell: I will underwrite the $100 and will try to get in ten new members which I agree is the best."

I have thanked him.

So he has supplied the kick-off.

'Tis to be recalled that in my letter to him asking him to do this, I said that news of his (prospective) undertaking would be circulated entirely by word of mouth.

We are preparing a run of the membership cards for Mississippi with notation of 1949 and 1950 contributions and dues payments, and will send them to you soon.

I am to be near Hendersonville Sunday and Monday and shall try again to find Dogwood Dell.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 25, 1950

Mr. A. D. Beittel, President
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Mr. Beittel:

I send you separately a run on cards of our Alabama membership. We have marked on them dues and/or contributions received for 1949 and 1950.

The printed (as distinct from the penciled) number on each card is our code for the month of joining, and therefore for the month of billing.

We suppose these cards will be quite helpful for the 50 for '51 campaign.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 25, 1950

Room Clerk
Piedmont Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

This is to confirm the reservation, made this afternoon, for a single room with bath for Dr. Will W. Alexander, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. The reservation was made for Monday, September 11, through Thursday, September 14, inclusiwe.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:er

Sent: Both Herald Tribune Stories
What Kind of South
Aug & July 1950 New Souths
Recommendation for Action
Negro Police (1947 & 1949)
Churches Speak
Honest Answer in Civil Rights

August 29, 1950

Rev. James L. Stovall
The First Methodist Church
Eunice, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Stovall:

We are grateful for your kind letter of August 24.

As a convenient summary I send a couple of good recent newspaper stories that describe the Council quite well. I put in some leaflets with other details.

We are not strong in Louisiana, and wish we were. New Orleans has had for some years a fine but local Committee on Race Relations. A year or two ago it became the New Orleans Chapter of the Southern Regional Council. So we have a flourishing membership in New Orleans and an active program. For instance, it has taken the lead, I suppose, in the push to get Negro policemen on the force there. And lately, if I am correctly informed, the city has added two Negro plainclothes officers attached to the Juvenile Court. Our people are in hopes that a wider advance can be made soon.

In the state outside New Orleans, I am afraid we have only sixty or seventy or eighty members, mostly at Baton Rouge, Alexandria, and Shreveport.

We have plans for arranging a meeting in September or October that would bring together our Statewide membership with some representatives from the New Orleans Chapter. At such a meeting it might be possible to set up a Louisiana Division of the Council. The Division would then elect its own officers and work out and try to put through its own Louisiana program within the general

framework of the Council's program.

I do hope you will become a member of the Council and assist us and our work in any way you can. The Methodist Church is already extremely helpful. Various of the Church boards have given us annual grants, and in the Southeastern Jurisdiction many of the Women's Societies of Christian Service send in twenty-five dollars or so each year. Customarily we send our magazine thereafter to their principal officers.

I enclose some back numbers of New South.

There is a membership blank (with also a blank for a simple subscription to New South) toward the back of the large brown leaflet What Kind of South Do You Want?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

August 29, 1950

Dr. A. Stephen Stephan, Chairman
Department of Sociology
University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Dear Dr. Stephan:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to dig around in the files of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation and see what I could find in the way of early studies of school textbooks and curricula. I am enclosing copies of two publications of the Commission's Conference on Education and Race Relations, which during the 1930's pioneered in what we now call intercultural education.

The first pamphlet, "Education for Southern Citizenship", will give you a brief summary of the Conference's organization and activities. The second, "School Books and Racial Antagonism", is a report of the findings of a special study of textbook content undertaken in 1933. Dr. R. B. Eleaser (213 Mockingbird Road, Nashville, Tennessee) served as Executive Secretary of the Conference, and I am sure he would be able to give you a great deal of information about it.

I was unable to discover whether or not the Arkansas State Department of Education cooperated in the Conference's program, but a check of their curriculum bulletins for that period will probably show that special material on the Negro was incorporated into their recommended units of study.

In case such a list might be helpful, here are the colleges in Arkansas which participated in the Conference's work:

A and M College, Monticello
A M and N College, Pine Bluff
Arkansas Polytechnic
College of the Ozarks
El Dorado Junior College
Harding College
Hendrix College
John Brown University
Little Rock Junior College
State Teachers College, Conway

The only recent study I know of is an evaluation of textbooks and other teaching materials made by the Committee on the Study of Teaching Materials in Intergroup Relations, of the American Council on Education, entitled Intergroup Relations in Teaching Materials: A Survey and Appraisal (Washington, D.C., 1949).

The Bureau for Intercultural Education (157 West 13th Street, NYC) would be able to tell you about any other similar studies which have been made.

I hope that this information will be of some help to you. If we can help you further, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Fleming
Research Assistant

August 29, 1950

Dr. Harry V. Richardson
Gammon Theological Seminary
9 McDonough Boulevard
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Richardson:

Our many thanks for your generous check which came this morning. It will help very much.

If Bishop Bowen makes a contribution, we will credit it to your effort this year.

We do appreciate your interest in the Council and your many efforts on our behalf. You have helped us greatly.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 29, 1950

MEMO

TO: Staff

The By-Laws say that Labor Day - next Monday, is a holiday!

Similar letters to: Glenn Rainey
Grace Hamilton

August 29, 1950

Mr. John Griffin
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Mr. Griffin:

There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee September 9 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council offices.

As a member of the Finance Committee, we hope you will plan to attend. The Executive Committee will want to know about 50 for '51 in Georgia.

The meeting will probably last until sometime in the middle of the day and luncheon will be served here.

It will help greatly to have you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 29, 1950

Mr. Marion Wright
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

We saw in the paper about the Ku Klux business at Myrtle Beach. I should think it of major importance that at last a police officer is indisputably connected with Ku Kluxers.

I turn to you as one either to do a story about the events or cause a story to be done.

We could pay the expenses involved in getting the facts together.

I suppose it ought to be enough to fill about half of an issue of New South. Say 2800 words.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Follow-up to all members of the Executive Committee except those who have responded previously

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF
GEORGE S. MITCHELL

August 29, 1950

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council will be held September 9 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council office.

Please fill out and return the enclosed card.

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

August 29, 1950

Mr. John H. Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

We sincerely regret that you will not be able to attend the Executive Committee meeting September 9. It is a most important meeting and we do value your presence.

If by any chance, you find it possible to attend, we will be most happy to see you.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 29, 1950

Dr. Harold L. Trigg, President
St. Augustine's College
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Trigg:

We sincerely regret that you will not be able to attend the Executive Committee meeting September 9. It is a most important meeting and we do value your presence.

If by any chance, you find it possible to attend, we will be most happy to see you.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 29, 1950

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

We are delighted you will be able to attend the Executive Committee meeting September 9th.

All of us look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 29, 1950

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Office of the President
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

We sincerely regret that you will not be able to attend the Executive Committee meeting September 9. It is a most important meeting and we greatly value your presence.

If by chance, you find it possible to attend, we will be most happy to see you.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 29, 1950

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
Office of the President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

We sincerely regret that you will not be able to attend the Executive Committee meeting September 9. It is a most important meeting and we greatly value your presence.

If by any chance, you find it possible to attend, we will be most happy to see you.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 29, 1950

Mr. Carter Wesley
P.O. Box 3086
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

We are sincerely sorry you will not be with us at the meeting of the Executive Committee on September 9th. We shall miss the benefit of your considered judgement.

If you find that your plans will permit you to attend the meeting, we shall be most happy to see you.

The money you wish to send is worth a great deal, but we do value your presence greatly.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

August 30, 1950

Mr. Frederick E. Robin
Education Director
Committee for the Nation's Health
1416 F Street, N.W.
Washington 4, D. C.

Dear Mr. Robin:

Many thanks for the copy of the National Health Insurance Handbook, which I have looked through and which I am sure will be useful.

Perhaps the best thing I can do toward getting it circulated would be to list for you the heads of our several State Divisions and affiliated State Committees and suggest that copies be sent to them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

August 30, 1950

Mrs. St. Julien Childs
73 King Street
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Childs:

I do appreciate the clippings.

The police one is especially helpful, as it fits into our current putting together of the 1950 figures.

We have written to Mr. John Harris for permission to reprint in the forthcoming police issue of New South, the story of how Charleston managed it.

I have a new and more comfortable car and shall hope some time between now and Christmas to steer its nose to Charleston.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

August 30, 1950

Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara
222 East Harris Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Monsignor:

You have on your desk awaiting your return a notice of a meeting of the Executive Committee on Saturday, September 9.

I hasten to give you this advance notice that it looks very probable that that meeting will be postponed until late September. So few could come on the ninth that even a quorum is in doubt, and it seemed to some of us that decisions as important as those that are to be made ought not to be taken by just a few.

We will write you in a couple of days as to the proposed later date. I do hope that it will be possible for you to come then.

Welcome back!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

C O P Y

August 30, 1950

Mr. W. R. Banks
Prairie View A & M College
Prairie View, Texas

Dear Mr. Banks:

I perfectly understand why you can't take on this new responsibility for the Southern Regional Council. Thank you all the same for considering it promptly.

Can you suggest for me someone else whom I should ask.

I do hope you will take time from other things and write the book.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

August 30, 1950

Mr. Arthur W. Mitchell
Box 670
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I am delighted to have your kind letter of August 24. It cheers us to know that you have found the Council's worktto be useful.

I have been trying to set an early date when I could get to your home to talk with you. The best I can do is Monday, September 18. Shall you be there then? I would use the week-end to drive up, and would be at your home in the forenoon, say by 11 A.M.

Over the long pull we need more friends and more ideas and far more action by local people. Over the short pull we need money. We used to get $25,000 a year from the Julius Rosenwald Fund. We had the last of that in 1949. It is proving desperately hard to raise this year even the $35,000 it takes to run the show at all. I thought perhaps you would be thinking of ways in which we could find greater resources. The foundations all tell us that there is money in the South and that we ought to raise it hereabouts. We try, and, indeed, think we do fairly well in drawing together already this year $10,000 in quite small amounts from people all over the South. But nobody with big money seems to want to give to this cause.

Yet I think we are on the right track and that it is the kind of thinking that people active in the Council do that must come vigorously to the fore if the South is to achieve the kind of democracy that will measure up to what the rest of the world rightly requires of us.

I have read the excerpts from the Record and have rejoiced in your career and in your choices.

I will greatly look forward to talking with you.

Sincerely,

GSM:er

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Same letter to: Members of Executive Committee
Glenn Rainey
Grace Hamilton
John Griffin

August 31, 1950

POSTPONEMENT OF MEETING OF
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, SRC

Mr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clement:

Not enough can come on Saturday, September 9, to make a quorum. With Paul Williams' approval, the meeting that date is postponed. A little later on it is probable that we can get the nearly full meeting which ought to be held at this time.

Two choices are offered: Tuesday, September 26; Saturday, October 7.

Please forthwith send back the postcard giving your choice, and we will notify you in a very few days of the final date.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:er
Encl.

LETTER SENT TO ALL HEADS OF STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS
IN THE SOUTH -- 8/31/50 -- JPF
(July 1950 NEW SOUTH enclosed)

August 31, 1950

Dr. Douglas L. Cannon, Executive Secretary
Medical Association of the State of Alabama
519 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Dr. Cannon:

The enclosed issue of NEW SOUTH, bearing on professional associations, we thought should be of special interest to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/jpf

August 31, 1950

Mrs. Henry Havens
2845 Corinthian Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mrs. Havens:

Thank you for your letter of August 29.

We hope Mr. Gibbs will write soon and tell us he can get things going.

Here is our account with the Florida Division:

Unpaid		
February, 1950	$ 12.00	
March	39.00	
April	14.00	
May	31.00	
June	15.50	
July	28.00	
August	-----	(not yet calculated)
Total	$139.50	

The January, 1950, amount was $16.50, check for which was sent Mrs. White July 14. They tell me she has been away, and therefore I presume it hadn't reached her. We are ashamed of not having sent the amounts, when and as due. We recognize that they don't belong to this office, but we have, as Mrs. White guessed, been so pressed that we have treated them as debts and tried to bite them down as we could. We beg Florida's indulgence, along with that of the others, for a little while longer.

Here is a July New South. It went into the mails in early August. The story the Times-Union carried was all right.

We will send Mrs. White a consolidated statement, like that above, of our debt to the Florida Division.

I will hope for a time when I can be there, or you can be here, and we will talk about how the world goes!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

CC: Norma Huff

August 31, 1950

Mr. Richard B. Anliot
American Council on Education
744 Jackson Place
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Anliot:

Many thanks for your letter of August 28.

We have concerned ourselves mostly about schools rather than colleges. I send you a selection of the things we have in print relating to education and discrimination in the South.

Added all up, they would come to something like $1.20. I enclose a bill for $1.14, which includes postage.

The Race in the News is thrown in as a bonus. We think it is pretty good.

If we can do any special job for you, let us know. We would like to help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

September 1, 1950

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Department of Sociology
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Guy:

We are quite doubtful that Governor Scott is fully or correctly reported here.

Can you set us straight as to what was said?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

September 1, 1950

Mr. John R. Slocum
Director of Education
Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America
15 Union Square
New York 3, New York

Dear Mr. Slocum:

We have two people in Atlanta who would do equally well as speakers on the United Nations for the Amalgamated's Southern conference coming up September 16 and 17.

They are Glenn Rainey, who is a professor at Georgia Tech (it happens, in the English Department), and Morris Abram, a lawyer. Glenn Rainey is going to be out of town. Morris Abram will be available.

I know Morris Abram quite well, but I am weak on background facts about him. He came from a small South Georgia town and had a brilliant record at the University of Georgia. He got a Rhodes Scholarship, all or most of which he used after a period of war service. He got some decoration or other in the war and he served with distinction as a member of the prosecuting staff in the Nuremberg trials. Studied law at Oxford. Has been back in the country and practicing law in Atlanta about two or two and a half years. Age, at a guess, 31. Associated with the firm of Howell and Heyman, Connally Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

Morris is a peculiarly gifted speaker. He is the only orator I ever heard who talked sense when he orated. He is steeped in the fundamental morality of Anglo-Saxon and American law. He believes deeply in the UN, reads widely about it, and yet is not the kind of specialist who would be unduly detailed. As a lawyer, he lately got through to the Supreme Court a case to get rid of the principal bottleneck to democratic practices in Georgia -- the county unit system -- and he has also served as attorney and in effect pusher-through of the first housing project Atlanta has ever had providing cleanly, pleasant housing for Negroes on a straight commercial (FHA-assisted) basis.

He is a straight guy of great ability, and a comer. And he believes in the labor movement.

If you want him, send him a wire to nail down the date.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

September 1, 1950

Mr. Paul Thompson
The Cobb County Times
Marietta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Thompson:

We thought you would like to see a copy of the August issue of our monthly publication New South. The article beginning on page 6, called "The Slum-Clearance Plan That Wouldn't Quit", summarizes the recent housing controversy in Marietta.

As you will see, we are indebted to you and the Times for the information on which the piece is based. I might add that, in the process of cannibalizing, I developed a warm admiration for the Times in general and your work in particular.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

enc.

September 1, 1950

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

We are still recalling in gratitude the emergency grant which the Field Foundation so kindly made to the Council last February. In correspondence at that time I made some mention of our hope that the Foundation could be interested later on in a project from the Southern Regional Council.

You would help us greatly if you could carry for a year some part of the expense of our monthly publication, New South. We use it as a means of getting out over the South facts elsewhere neglected, thoughtful comment, and indications of useful next steps. There is very little in it of the house organ. One issue a year is usually a report to the membership shortly before the annual membership meeting. Bits of news are carried about things done by this or that of our State Divisions. But, as will be seen from looking through the enclosed back issues, the magazinelet tries to be a pioneer in opinion-making.

It goes out each month to a little better than four thousand paid Council members or New South subscribers, and a very few who get it free. Our members are people who take an active part in interracial progress in their own communities, and they are grateful for the fresh information and the balanced thinking that comes to them through New South.

The material has a good name with the press in the South. It is rather a regular thing for the wire services to turn the lead story in New South into a release which is used widely in the region. We have many editors among our members and can point to a gratifying number of instances in which our point of view has found its way into editorial opinion. The magazine reflects

honest research and careful judgment and is respected for both. There is nothing else done in the South to which people can turn for this constructive and non-agitational point of view.

It costs us in an ordinary year:

Printing	$ 2,284.54
Salary of Director of Information (½)	1,900.00
Salary of Membership Secretary & Subscription Clerk (½)	1,050.00
Postage	500.00
Envelopes	136.00
Clerical	50.00
Postage meter rental	87.12
Stencils & Upkeep of Addressograph Machine	175.00
Total	$ 6,182.66

All but a few copies of the magazine go out, not to people who have paid us the stated $1.50 a year as the subscription price, but to people who are Council members. Our accounting does not allocate any particular part of dues receipts to payment for the magazine. Even if $1.50 of all dues actually received were charged as payment for New South, we would still be putting into the magazine each year, as subsidy, a minimum of over a thousand dollars. And there is no justification for considering that part of our net membership receipts as payment for the magazine.

What we are hoping is that the Field Foundation will grant us for 1950 (or if need be for 1951) $2500.00 toward the publication costs of New South.

We would be happy to supply whatever in audits or bills would be helpful to the Foundation in judging this request. I am myself hopeful that if members of the Board will take time to see the kind of material that is included in New South, they will find it a publication worth helping in the present situation in the South.

Our tax-exemption letter is attached.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

September 1, 1950

Mr. George Davis
Public Housing Authority
Georgia Savings Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Davis:

We thought you would like to see a copy of the enclosed August issue of our monthly publication New South. The article beginning on page 6 tells the story of the recent fight for public housing in Marietta. It seemed to us an encouraging story for people in places where opposition is strong.

I have also sent copies to Mayor Sam Welsch and Ed Baskin of the Marietta Housing Authority.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

enc.

September 1, 1950

Mr. T. E. Baskin
Marietta Housing Authority
P. O. Box 366
Marietta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Baskin:

We thought you would like to see a copy of the enclosed August issue of our monthly publication New South. The article beginning on page 6 summarizes the recent controversy over the proposed Mulberry-Cole Streets development.

The MHA and you personally deserve every praise for pushing through in spite of all the obstacles.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

enc.

September 1, 1950

Hon. Sam Welsch
Office of the Mayor
Marietta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Welsch:

We thought you would like to see a copy of the enclosed August issue of our monthly publication New South. The article beginning on page 6 summarizes the recent controversy over the proposed Mulberry-Cole Streets development.

Your courage and persistence in behalf of slum-clearance and public housing deserve the highest praise.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

enc.

September 1, 1950

Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
Capahosic, Virginia

Dear Dr. Hancock:

I am proud that I know about Capahosic. I am glad you can have a period there.

We couldn't muster even a quorum for September 9, and so are setting a later date. The letter is on its way to you. I was the more inclined to set another date because of your letter saying you couldn't be here the ninth.

I suppose that the attitude of the GEB was what we might expect. I also think that they would bend for Douglas Freeman and come to our aid. Be it remembered that we have no application before them. I stand ready to put one in when and if you say so.

We are delighted that you are to work at the ministers through Dr. Long. I think you will have some luck.

I am oppressed by your references to a possible resignation from the Executive Committee, and I do wish you would not let that blow fall, or, better still, would lift it from us entirely. Without you on the Executive Committee I would feel rudderless. You are the one person who knows all of what was intended and can judge each action in the light of that. No one begrudges in the least the price of the travel from Richmond. We will always pay the expenses of an Executive Committee; everyone would be happy if there were people in regular attendance from much further off than Richmond. I beg you not to give any further thought to resigning from the Executive Committee.

We are limping pretty badly here at the end of August, but we hope things pick up during September.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Dictated August 31, 1950

Sent: 2 Survey leaflets
1 Greenville Survey
1 Jacksonville Survey

September 1, 1950

Mr. Paul Christopher
22 Circle Hill Drive
Highland Hills
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

Here is some dope about the Home Town Self-Survey. For your own interest, read the paragraph on page 31 of the Greenville one beginning "All these ..."

You were good to be kind enough to see if Carmack at Murfreesboro would be interested.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

September 1, 1950

Mr. H. A. Hyman
1925-27 South Railway St.
Regina, Sask.
Canada

Dear Mr. Hyman:

We appreciate your letter of August 21 expressing interest in our organization. Enclosed are a few descriptive materials about the Council's work.

So that you may decide yourself which of our publications would be useful to your Lodge, I am also enclosing a complete publications list. We will be glad to fill your order promptly.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

enc.

September 1, 1950

Mrs. Irving Cohn
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

Enclosed is our statement of dues return with a check for the month of June 1950. I do wish we could bring our payments to you up-to-date, but at this time, it is impossible.

We owe the New Orleans Committee $4.00 for July and $9.00 for August, and a check will be sent at the first opportunity.

In April we sent you a package of envelopes addressed to New Orleans members for a special mailing you were doing. The air mail parcel post came to $1.07 for the package, so that amount has been deducted from your check. Please let us know if this is not completely satisfactory to you.

Our kindest regards and thanks for all your help.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

September 1, 1950

Mr. Rowland Watts
National Secretary
Workers Defense League
112 East 19th Street
New York 3, New York

Dear Mr. Watts:

Here is what I wrote Miss Biderman.

You will see that our greatest need is for general help, but if that cannot be had, we would be happy to advance our cause and yours by doing this project. I do hope one or the other proposal will find approval.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

September 1, 1950

Miss Beth Biderman
Executive Secretary
National Sharecroppers Fund, Inc.
40 East 49th Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Miss Biderman:

Thank you for your letter of August 30 and for the encouraging news that your Board has shown interest in some aid to the Southern Regional Council.

We have a project which neatly fits and which we have never had the money to push through to conclusion.

We want to put out a pamphlet on Southern State laws regulating farm land tenure. Not for a pamphlet in itself, but for the movement it and our friends could start to make a basic change in Southern land tenure.

Improvement in those laws would be a cheap, pervasive, and democratic way to better the situation of all non-owning farmers and improve by a lot our care of the land. The basic legislation in all of these States was written somewhere between 1866 and the early 'seventies. And it has been very little tinkered with since. The laws were passed at a time when the first need of the South was to get people and land to work. They give every protection to the owner of the land, and very little to the tenant. As they were passed when the working people on the land were illiterate, the laws recognized the oral lease. So far as I know, none of them give any encouragement to anything other than the annual and oral lease, and none of them say anything about compensation for improvement (or damages for destruction). What they mainly do is give the landlord or the creditor a tight lien on the tenant's crop.

I don't know of any country in the more civilized parts of the western world which permits farm land to be leased on these shabby terms. Germany, France, Scandinavia, Britain, Ireland stopped it long ago.

There is no need to emphasize for you the destructiveness to soil resources involved in the annual lease system. It should be brought out, however, that in the South's present rapid shift to grassland farming, our tenure laws work to keep a tenant from making the shift. It takes three or four years at least to establish good pasture. What tenant on an annual, oral lease can take the risk of tying up everything he has in planting grass from which there will be little or no yield for several years?

A good deal has been done in the way of pilot projects to arrive at a better arrangement through voluntary channels. In most Southern States, the Agricultural Extension Service can point to a good many big farms, or even some farm neighborhoods, where long-term written leases are in use. Sometimes there are even compensation clauses. There have been several extension bulletins bragging about such voluntary arrangements. But nobody peeps with a proposal to rewrite the State tenure laws.

Somebody at Chapel Hill has lately completed, though not yet published, a two-volume book which analyzes with great care the Southern State laws on land tenure and annotates them with case law. I have not seen the manuscript. I expect it will be nearly complete as fact, but that it won't preach policy.

There is also the matter of the upcoming 1950 census with its figures on land tenure. For the first time we ought to get some good figures on size of land holdings.

What we want to do is put out a pamphlet which gives the substance of existing laws, tells their history, shows their limitations even in a cotton culture, shows further their constraints upon the kind of farming we are moving toward, gives a model law, and expounds the benefits of proper legislation in this field.

It would cost us $1500 to do this job. That covers fees to specialty-authors, some travel to talk with State agricultural people, and the cost of printing eight or ten thousand copies. I am unwilling to undertake it for less.

The project to do a pamphlet of this kind was approved a couple of years ago by the Council's annual membership meeting and is an accepted part of our program. We know people who could do the writing. The problem is that we have not had the money.

I ought to say that, much as we want to undertake this project, what we most need is money to support our general program. Project here and project there. Very nice. But how do I keep going an organization

which can sprout projects?

If you and anyone you care to consult are interested, I would be happy to try my hand at a condensed description of the proposed project.

Do continue to be warmly inclined. We are in need.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

September 5, 1950

Mrs. Hortense Young
818 South Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Young:

Our consciences remind us that the debt of this office to your Division (and to the others), is unpaid for a distressingly long while.

Here is an account:	March	$16.00
	April	7.00
	May	4.00
	June	3.50
	July	5.50
	August	None
		$36.00

We recognize that this a debt proper to be paid at the end of each month. We have been so pressed that we have treated it as a debt to be paid just as soon as we could.

In the meantime, I send you the statement of dues return so that you may bring your own membership records up-to-date.

We beg your indulgence a little while longer, and we will send out checks we hope quite soon.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh
cc: J.M. Tydings

September 5, 1950

Mrs. Ruby S. Lyells
1116 Montgomery Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

Our consciences remind us that the debt of this office to your Division (and to the others), is unpaid for a distressingly long while.

Here is an account:

May	$19.50
June	56.00
July	42.50
August	7.50
	$125.50

We recognize that this a debt proper to be paid at the end of each month. We have been so pressed that we have treated it as a debt to be paid just as soon as we could.

In the meantime, I send you the statement of dues return so that you may bring your own membership records up-to-date.

We beg your indulgence a little while longer, and we will send out checks we hope quite soon.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh
cc: Rev. H. Brent Schaeffer

P.S. Can you send us addresses for Mrs. Wheatley, Mrs. Hubert, Rev. Woody, Rev. Seater, and Rev. Montgomery, listed in the June payments?

September 5, 1950

Mrs. William C. White
Okeechobee, Florida

Dear Mrs. White:

Happily I am enclosing our check for $12.00 which represents one-half of dues payments in February. We beg your indulgence a little while longer, and will send out the additional checks we hope quite soon.

In the meantime, I send you the statement of dues return for August so you can bring your own membership records up-to-date.

Our consciences remind us that the debt of this office to your Division (and to the others), is unpaid for a distressingly long while.

Here is an account:

March	$39.00
April	14.00
May	31.00
June	15.50
July	28.00
August	22.50
	$150.00

Our kindest regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh
Mr. W.W. Gibbs

September 5, 1950

Mrs. C. B. Smith, Secretary-Treasurer
Tennessee Division
The Methodist Parsonage
Donelson, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Our consciences remind us that the debt of this office to your Division (and to others) is unpaid for a distressingly long while.

Here is an account:

March	$24.00
April	18.50
May	9.50
June	4.50
July	11.00
August	14.50
	$82.00

We recognize that this a debt proper to be paid at the end of each month. We have been so pressed that we have treated it as a debt to be paid just as soon as we could.

In the meantime, I send you the statement of dues return so that you may bring your own membership records up-to-date.

We beg your indulgence a little while longer, and we will send out checks we hope quite soon.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh
cc: Mr. Alfred Mynders

September 5, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I assume the National Catholic Educational Association will have sent you a copy of their August, 1950 report of the Proceedings of the New Orleans convention last April.

On pages 477 and 478 it carries what purports to be a resume of the map speech.

That is a very difficult speech to summarize, and I have never seen it well reported but once or twice (one of those times in the Journal and Guide). So I sympathize with the summarizer's difficulties. But it makes the (understandable) error of turning allegory into history and then, for difficulties of acoustics or speed in notation, fails to get even the allegory right. So I am reported as saying some things which I don't believe and which were not in the speech. Many spots are really pretty bad.

I would like to make, pro forma at least, a record of dissent. I thought perhaps this letter to you would suffice. If in your judgment I should lodge courteous correction with some suitable official of the association, let me know and I will do that, or nothing as you advise.

You know that I greatly enjoyed that meeting and have no doubt that what I really said was true and was helpful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GS S M:er Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

September 5, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph S. Bridgman
608 Virginia Avenue
Toledo 10, Ohio

Dear The Bridgmans:

I appreciate greatly the postal with news and new addresses.

We had heard straight away from Helen, but hope to get more details from Chicago later on.

Our Council is floundering a bit financially, but we still land right side up.

Warm regards to all of you.

Sincerely,

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

September 5, 1950

Mrs. Floyd Bates, Treasurer, Arkansas Division
125 Atkins Street
Rose City
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Bates:

Our consciences remind us that the debt of this office to your Division (and to others), is unpaid for a distressingly long while.

Here is an account:

April	$1.50
May	1.50
June	None
July	1.50
August	5.00
	$9.50

We recognize that this a debt proper to be paid at the end of each month. We have been so pressed that we have treated it as a debt to be paid just as soon as we could.

In the meantime, I send you the statement of dues return so that you may bring your own membership records up-to-date.

We beg your indulgence a little while longer, and we will send out checks we hope quite soon.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh
cc: Rev. W. W. Wilkie, President
Rev. Charles Walker, Secretary

September 5, 1950

Mr. James McB. Dabbs
Route 1
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

As a matter of record-keeping, here is a statement of the one-half of dues ordinarily returnable to the South Carolina Division, thus far in 1950:

January	$ 7.50	July	$14.50
February	11.00	August	7.00
March	20.50		$174.00
April	None		
May	62.50		
June	51.00		

We have, in the deepest appreciation, considered your authorizations of last June that we keep this and apply it to the sum South Carolina raised, as warrant for not making remittances until the $1250 you so kindly undertook is about complete. But if we hold what is due the Division up to August 31, 1950 you will be so nearly complete that we think it right to resume our obligation to send one-half back, from September 1, 1950 forward.

We assume that you will reach agreement with Miss Minahan, as treasurer of the South Carolina Division, on this matter.

I enclose the statement of dues returns so that you may keep your own Division records up-to-date.

You were all mighty generous. Praises abound.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

September 5, 1950

Col. Campbell C. Johnson
Office of General Hershey
U. S. Selective Service System
Washington, D. C.

My dear Colonel Johnson:

We thought so highly of the recent report on the integration of Negroes in the armed forces that we did this boiled-down version of it and got it out to our 4,500 subscribers, most of whom are in the South.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

September 5, 1950

Mr. James C. Evans
Assistant Civilian Aide
to the Secretary of Defense
Department of Defense
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Evans:

We took the recent Report and made a boil-down of it and have got it out to our 4,500 mainly Southern subscribers.

Congratulations to you on these good fruits of your labors.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

September 5, 1950

Mr. Philleo Nash
Executive Offices of the President
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Philleo:

We thought so highly of the Army report that we did a boil-down and sent it out to our 4,500 subscribers.

I thought you might like to have a few extra copies as a means of showing friends of yours that the report got this extra circulation in the South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

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Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

September 6, 1950

Father Thomas J. Egan
Redemptorist Fathers
Spartanburg, South Carolina

Dear Father Egan:

It was most pleasant to visit with you on your recent trip through Atlanta. We do appreciate your stopping by the office and hope that you will do so again on the next opportunity.

Thank you for sending your material. It will serve as valuable reference in our files. From time to time we do a tabulation of the handling of Negro news in the press so we are glad to know what your local newspapers are doing along this line.

Let us hear from you again. Our annual meeting will be sometime during the first two weeks in November, and when the date has been set, we will write you. We do hope you can come. Your interest in the Council is sincerely appreciated.

Our kindest personal regards.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

September 6, 1950

Reverend George Meyers
Fordyce, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Meyers:

We have a partial record of your having been associated with the Southern Regional Council in January of 1946. During the course of many changes of personel in the past four years the complete information has become lost.

We should be most happy to hear from you again and hope that you will be interested in renewing your membership in the Council. Single memberships are $3.00 per year and joint husband-wife memberships are $4.00.

The enclosed pamphlet describes the Council's work and has a membership blank next to the last page.

We invite you to renew your interest and support in this important program.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

September 6, 1950

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph K. Heyman
3860 Vermont Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Heyman:

We are extremely grateful for your generous contribution to the Southern Regional Council. Mr. Glenn Rainey brought your check into the office this morning.

Please accept our thanks for your interest in our program.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

September 6, 1950

Miss Jean Stultz
Henry Grady Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Stultz:

Mrs. Anna Warwick has suggested that we send you information about the Southern Regional Council. We are happy to send you a sample of our literature under separate cover.

I am enclosing a pamphlet describing the Council's work and call your attention to the membership blank next to the last page. We extend a cordial invitation to become a Council member and to visit our offices at the above address.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

September 6, 1950

Miss Fern Maddox
Alpharetta, Georgia

Dear Miss Maddox:

In checking our records, we have discovered that your subscription to our publication, New South, expires this month.

We take this opportunity to invite you to membership in the Council. A membership entitles you to receive all literature issued during the year in addition to attending and voting at our annual meeting which will occur during the first part of November.

I enclose a pamphlet describing the Council which contains a membership blank near the last page.

We should be happy to have you as a Council member.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

September 6, 1950

Mrs. Robson Dunwoody
1616 Pine Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Dunwoody:

In cross checking our records, we have discovered that you joined the Council in November of last year.

Due to some changes in personnel at this time, your membership was not entered. We regret this error and are now entering a membership for you beginning today. This means that your membership will be renewable again in September 1951.

We hope that this will be satisfactory. Please notify us if your address above is not correct. Our apologies for this mistake. We sincerely appreciate your interest in the Council.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

September 6, 1950

Mr. S. O. Johnson
2015 Magazine Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Johnson:

In cross checking our records, we have discovered that you joined the Council in March of last year.

Due some changes in personnel at this time, your membership was not entered. We regret this error and are now entering a membership for you beginning today. This means that your membership will be renewable again in September 1951.

We hope that this will be satisfactory. Please notify us if your address above is not correct. Our apologies for this mistake. We sincerely appreciate your interest in the Council.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

September 6, 1950

Mr. Alfred Pason
1722 Louisiana Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Pason:

In cross checking our records, we have discovered that you joined the Council in February of this year.

Due to some changes in personnel at this time, your membership was not entered. We regret this error and are now entering a membership for you beginning today. This means that your membership will be renewable again in September 1951.

We hope that this will be satisfactory. Please notify us if your address above is not correct. Our apologies for this mistake. We sincerely appreciate your interest in the Council.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

September 6, 1950

Mr. William J. Kirn
2131 O'Dwyer Place
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Kirn:

In cross checking our records, we have discovered that you joined the Council in November of last year.

Due to some changes in personnel at this time, your membership was not entered. We regret this error and are now entering a membership for you beginning today. This means that your membership will be renewable again in September 1951.

We hope that this will be satisfactory. Please notify us if you above address is not correct. Our apologies for this mistake. We sincerely appreciate your interest in the Council.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

September 8, 1950

Dr. W. A. Smart
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Dr. Smart:

We received the enclosed letter from Mr. John Dickson, Managing Editor of the National Cyclopedia of American Biography, and I am turning to you to help us out in gathering this information. We would deeply appreciate it if you will look up the years in which Dr. Durham worked in the Christian Council and aided in forming the Commission on Interracial Cooperation.

With the best of wishes to you always, I am

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:er
Encl.

AIR MAIL

September 8, 1950

Mr. George Hunton
Interracial Review
20 Vesey Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Hunton:

We are glad to send you the enclosed copy of New South containing the report on Negro membership in Southern professional associations. The Interracial Review is welcome to use, in whole or in part, the table on page 1 and the article beginning on page 2.

Do not hesitate to let me know any time we can be of service to you.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

enc.

September 11, 1950

Mr. Carter Wesley
P.O. Box 3086
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

October 7 was preferable to the majority of the Executive Committee, so the next meeting has been called for 10:00 a.m. on that date.

We hope that you can arrange to come, but we do recall that in your last letter you thought about foregoing the trip.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

September 11, 1950

Mr. John H. Wheeler, Vice President
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

It has been most difficult to find a date convenient to the majority of the Executive Committee.

October 7 was preferred, so we are setting the meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the Council offices on that date.

It will be a most important meeting, and we greatly hope that you can arrange to come.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

also to: Dr. Trigg
Dr. Clement
Dr. C.S. Johnson

September 11, 1950

Miss Margaret Marshall
1320 Scott Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Miss Marshall:

Attached you will find a letter that has been written to Rev. W. W. Wilkie, who was elected Chairman of the Arkansas Division. We have been unable to hear from him, and suppose he must have been away on his vacation. Please put your usual urging ability back of him. You know I will deeply appreciate anything you can do.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

P. S. It is necessary that I hear so that I may make my Fall schedule, and you can see the matter is urgent.

MET:er
Encl.

September 11, 1950

Mrs. J. Roy Jones
5618 Colonial Drive
Columbia 3, South Carolina

Dear Dess:

When I saw that Myrtle Beach was in the front page news, I remembered that you used to spend your summers there, but believe you transferred your summer residence to Junaluska.

However, I am sure you must know a great deal about what happened, and we of the Southern Regional Council would certainly like to get more information about it. Especially would I like to know when the South Carolina Grand Dragon will go on trial. Some of us at the Southern Regional Council might find it possible to be present. If I happen to be the one who will be the spectator, I would certainly like for you to go with me.

With love and best wishes to you always,

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:er

September 11, 1950

Mrs. Helen B. Bourne
1116 Highside Street
Greenwood, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Bourne:

I know you are distressed over the Myrtle Beach incident, and I am wondering if your Executive Committee has taken any action. It always helps when church groups do make some statement that will reach the public. In a measure, it does something to counteract the ugly publicity of the sordid instances that happen here in our area.

I am wondering also if any of your Executive Committee plan to be present when the Grand Dragon's case comes up in court; that is, if it ever does. If I know the date, I'll possibly go over there, and would love to meet you and your Secretary of Christian Social Relations. For the church people to sit in courts, you will know, has a salutory effect. Judges and juries who want to mete out justice sometimes are frustrated by the climate of opinion of the community, and they do need the support of the Church.

With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:er

September 11, 1950

Miss Marjorie Minkler
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Marjorie:

I know the time must be approaching when the Appropriations Committee will be meeting, and I want to put in a plug for the Southern Regional Council. You may remember our conversation about increasing the appropriation to $1500. I know you'll do the best you can for us.

Love, and thanks always,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:er

September 11, 1950

Dr. Edgar A. Love
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Dr. Love:

I know the time is approaching when the Appropriations Committee of the Home Division will be meeting. You are well aware of the fact that the Southern Regional Council is in need of more funds than it has been able to have this year. Please see whether it is possible to get the Home Missions Council to increase its appropriation to $1500.

If you need any special information, we will be glad to furnish it to you. Under separate cover I am mailing you some copies of New South.

With every good wish to you and thanks for the fact that you have been the friend at court for the Southern Regional Council through the years,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:er

Sent: 1 leaflet
4 return envelopes

September 11, 1950

Mr. George M. Stephens
Stephens Press
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear George:

Many thanks for your kindnesses the other day. I am writing to Arthur Williams and Frank Parker.

Here is a leaflet about the 50 for '51 business.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er
Encl.

September 11, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear The Wrights:

Very many thanks for a pleasant afternoon and a mighty nice dinner.

Our present plan is to do a general account of the Horry County events and then months later as the trials proceed, get into it again.

We will send you what Fleming does before publication and ask for your kindness in blue-pencilling or patting it into shape here and there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Sent: First Herald Tribune story
Race in the News
Greenville Survey
Negro Police
Professional Associations
What Kind of South Do You Want?

September 11, 1950

Mr. Arthur Williams
South Carolina Electric and Gas Company
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Williams:

I was in Asheville, North Carolina, the other day and visited briefly our good friend, George Stephens.

He told me that you were someone in Columbia with an interest in the sort of thing the Southern Regional Council does.

I send you various items about us. I do hope you can join the Council. We try to be useful and never sensational.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

Sent: Honest Answer in Civil Rights
Negro Police
Recommendation for Action to Governors
Professional Associations (2)
Race in the News
Home Town Self Survey leaflet
Greenville Survey
Law and Discrimination
What Kind of South Do You Want?

September 11, 1950

Mr. Frank Parker
Attorney-At-Law
Wachovia Bank
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Parker:

I had the pleasure of being in Asheville briefly last Thursday and fell into conversation with George Stephens, who is a warm friend of what our Council works at.

We would like to be helpful to you in any way feasible in the task of shaping North Carolina policy on racial matters.

I send along some issues of our little magazine that may be helpful.

If we can be of service in any way, let me know, or get in touch with our North Carolina Division.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

Sent: Honest Answer in Civil Rights
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September 11, 1950

Mr. Terry Sanford, President
Young Democrats of North Carolina
Southern Pines, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Sanford:

My friend George Stephens at Asheville suggested I write you.

You obviously have a difficult job of helping North Carolina to find again an honest and rewarding policy in interracial matters.

If our Council here in Atlanta or through its North Carolina Division can be helpful in any way, we would like to.

I send you various publications which may be useful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

September 11, 1950

Mr. Emory Ross
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Ross:

I am very sorry indeed to have been away when you were here.

I expect to be in New York later on this month and will try my luck on finding you there. I will write you ahead and see what the prospects are.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

September 11, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

Thank you for your letter of September 7. I was out all last week.

Fleming sent Hunton right away the full copy of New South and said the Interracial Review is welcome to any or all of it.

The annual meeting will be Wednesday, November 8.

We set the Executive Committee meeting for Saturday, October 7, 10 A.M. It was a hard choice. As it fell out, it was almost entirely the white members who could come that day. But we have written the others and asked them to try their very hardest to get here for the 7th. Clement and Trigg and Wheeler were good for the 26th but not for the 7th.

We got everybody but me paid August 31. Dues money and other scrapings come in more generously in September than any other time of the year, I suppose, and we are taking in thirty or fifty dollars a day that way. Still, we will be far short of enough to pay out the next thousand September 15. Thus we will be hoping the more for success with Cardinal Stritch's check. Many thanks for writing about it again.

We will hope later on for sustainment out of your letters to General Johnson, Mr. McCormick, and others.

Should I not along about now put in an application to the Hillman Foundation for help for 1951? Or what do you think? I am still hoping with you that they will help us this year.

Please tell Father Flaherty I am honored to be invited to talk for his group on the afternoon of Friday, October 27, and will be on hand with much pleasure.

Sincerely,

GSM:er

George S. Mitchell

Sept 11, 1950

To: Jane Fleming:

Weakley showed me a copy of a publication called Channels, which in its June 1950 issue, Vol. 2, No. 20, praised the Greenville Survey.

Channels is the publication of something called the National Publicity Council for Health and Welfare Services, Incc, 257 Fourth Avenue, New York 10.

GSM did on Sunday, September 10, write this outfit and beg them to send us quick off the bat, three copies.

G.S.M.

September 11, 1950

Mr. Joseph L. Abraham
15 Princeton Way, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Abraham:

Mr. Morris Abram has written us that you have agreed to help in the Council's "50 for '51" campaign. We are indeed grateful for your interest and participation, and we have a great deal of hope that this plan will go a long way toward making the Council sound and effective.

The enclosed green leaflet describes the campaign and the reply envelopes are for remittances. We would like to have our present members become sustaining $10.00 members and also find additional new sustaining members.

Telephone or write me if you would like additional information and Council literature.

Our many thanks for your efforts on our behalf.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

also to: Mrs. W. H. Frey
Mr. A. T. Walden
Mr. C. Baxter Jones, Jr.

September 12, 1950

Mr. A. D. Beittel, President
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Mr. Beittel:

Many thanks for your letter. I will be happy to appear at chapel Sunday morning, October 15, and to be around for whatever you wish to make of me Monday morning, the 16th.

My guess is that if I have spoken at chapel on the Sunday and talked to a couple of classes Monday morning, I don't have much fresh to say at a Monday chapel. Anyway, I do best in classes.

'Tis quite an exercise for me, as you know, to parade begowned and appear as a preacher.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

September 12, 1950

Mr. Willis Butler
1404 Rt. 1
Westwego, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Butler:

Very many thanks for your letter and for the $6.00.

My own view is that no individual and no organization has the whole of the truth but that it takes the work of many from many points of view to bring us all along.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

September 12, 1950

Mrs. Leonard Haas
888 Oakdale Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Haas:

Some time ago you told me next time I was preparing to go to Washington, let you know and you would arrange for me to be in touch with Mrs. Strauss or Mrs. Stone at the League of Women Voters. I expect to be in Washington some part of the week beginning Monday, September 18. For the moment I don't yet know what days.

I believe you were going to write the League and say I was a-coming.

If you still care to write notwithstanding my present indefiniteness about a day, I would very much like to go and see the League people.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

September 12, 1950

Rev. W. W. Wilkie
2100 Wolfe Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Wilkie:

We hope earnestly for an early answer to my letter to you of July 7.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

September 12, 1950

Rev. John J. Hyland
P. O. Box 355
Swannanoa, North Carolina

Dear Father Hyland:

I spent all of last week at Black Mountain College and two or three times drove up to your rectory on the hill, but each time had the poor luck to find you away.

I had no business in particular, but was remembering your kind invitation extended at Raleigh once to come to see you sometime when I might be in your neighborhood.

I will still hope for better luck on some future occasion.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Send: Honest Answer
Professional Associations
Negro Police
Recommendation for Action
Virginia County
What Kind of South Do You Want
Race in the News
Greenville Survey

September 12, 1950

Mr. Bernard Bernstein
444 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Bernstein:

Here is a good organization that works hard to get things made square all around in the Southern states. I am in hopes that you will be interested in it.

Do at any rate take long enough to look through some of our publications.

I am to be in New York fairly soon and hope that you will let me pay you a visit at the office.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

September 12, 1950

Miss Margaret Kelly
Circulation Department
Fairchild Publications
7 East 12th Street
New York 3, New York

Dear Miss Kelly:

Whatever happened to Industrial Horizons in the Changing South?

We had sent you our $10.00 some time in late 1948. You wrote us October 23, 1948, that publication had been postponed until the Spring of 1949 and you were holding our order and payment until date of publication.

If you have abandoned publication, in our present financial need we would be happy to have the $10.00. If the book is coming out anytime soon, we will continue to wait.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

September 12, 1950

Mr. W. R. Banks
Prairie View A & M College
Prairie View, Texas

Dear Mr. Banks:

That was kind of you to send metthe names of Professor Pratt and Mr. Shaw as possible contributors of $100 each. When we can get a campaign going in Texas, either I or the Chairman will approach them for $100.

Meanwhile, my greatest need is the name of a suitable person to take on the task of being Chairman to do the job with his friends of finding fifty Texans, each of whom would put up $100. Will you put on your thinking cap again and tell me who in the State may possibly do that job?

I dare say Mrs. Crate would be willing to take it on, but it simply is not right for me to ask her to do that with her duties to the Texas Commission.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

September 12, 1950

Dr. Howard W. Odum
Institute for Research
in Social Science
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Odum:

Some days after I wrote you my letter, it occurred to me that this older issue was what you had in mind. You are of course entirely right.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

September 13, 1950

Mr. David C. Geddes
1442/22 Hungjao Road
Shanghai

My dear Mr. Geddes:

Don Stephens told me you are a good egg and I should write to you and make your acquaintance. Don is my good friend and I respect his judgment.

My knowledge of your world is mighty slim. Five words of Mandarin faithfully practiced on all poor laundrymen, and some sympathy for people who wanted to be free of landlords and money lenders, between them give me a very skimpy picture of what Shanghai in this tense and revolutionary year may be like.

As you can see, I am part of this improve-the-South organization. I can perhaps give you most easily a glimpse into it by citing bits of two recent letters from members. One man from Louisiana wrote that the time for wishy-washiness was past and unless we could step out and denounce the Fascist reactionaries we were not worth his dues, which he nevertheless sent for other reasons. Another in Mississippi wrote and said he had determined not to pay his dues, as in the last year or two a suspicion had come to him that our Council was not supporting the principle of segregation in full detail. Someone later, to whom I described the two letters, said, "Well, if you drive down the middle of the road, you get hit from both sides." I send you a summary of a couple of years ago of what we thought was right.

Last week our person in charge of women's work (deeply experienced Mrs. Tilly) was at some church conference or other where a (South) Korean girl was also present. The girl in a quiet interview inquired very particularly as to certain racial practices in Georgia, and when she had been told that those things did obtain, said, "It is because of these things that your young men are dying in Korea."

So I am sure that Shanghai and Atlanta are closer than we suppose,

and more nearly connected.

I will be grateful if you will tell me how I ought to begin to find out about China.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

September 13, 1950

Mr. Henry G. Stetler
Conn. Inter-Racial Commission
500 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Stetler:

On page four in the enclosed issue of New South is the reference to the "equalizing down" action in King George County. It sticks in my mind that in addition to cutting out the five courses, the white school locked its library and locked its laboratory. The equalized down business lasted only a week or so. Just after the white school took the step of closing out these courses, the Negro committee in the county put out a very careful statement to the effect that they had noted what had been done and were sorry to see it, as they had had no desire in the world to have a situation in which the white children in the county were getting the poor schooling that the Negro children were getting. All they wanted was that the Negro children should get schooling as good as the white children.

The sequel to the whole business is that King George County now has a handsome new $150,000 Ralph J. Bunche High School for Negroes. When it was dedicated, the principal speaker was the new president of Hampton Institute, Mr. Alonzo Moron, who said, among other things, "The officials of King George County have complied with the mandate of the court with graciousness."

Incidentally, our Council sent a copy of this issue of New South to every county superintendent of schools in the South and to nearly all the city superintendents.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

September 13, 1950

Mrs. St. Julien Childs
73 King Street
Charleston, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Childs:

Several weeks ago we received here a copy of the mimeographed "Progress Report" to members of the Charleston Interracial Committee, in which was recounted the history of the successful effort to get Negro policemen employed. We were much impressed with the report as a well written account of how such things happen.

On August 25 I wrote Mr. John Harris and asked permission to reprint the report in the September New South, which is our annual Negro police issue. As yet, we have had no answer.

Since our deadline is upon us, I wonder if I might ask you to help us get whatever consent is necessary to reprint the report? Perhaps Mr. Harris has been out of town, or for some other reason has not been able to give the matter his attention. In any case, if you could prompt an answer from him or one of the other officers, it would help us greatly.

The Charleston experience was a valuable one, and I am sure you will agree that it should be shared.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

September 13, 1950

Mr. Frank Dix, Director, Field Operations
Boy Scouts of America, Chicago Council
9 West Washington Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Dix:

Southern Regional Council members residing outside the area are associate members. The only difference in the status of an associate member and a member is that an associate members does not have a vote at the annual meetings.

This is the only difference and I hasten to assure you that your membership is highly valued although you are a member outside the South.

It is our sincere hope that you will want to renew your membership and continue to receive Council publications.

Our kindest regards.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

September 13, 1950

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
206 North Wood Avenue
Florence, Alabama

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

Many thanks for your note and for the membership for Mr. Rosenbaum.

We do appreciate your efforts on behalf of the Council and hope you won't be too discouraged about the lack of results right now. We're hoping that the Fall will bring some flow of money into the office. With political campaigns and vacations our own success has been rather meager.

Incidentally, our annual meeting is to be scheduled for sometime during the first part of November, and we'll write you about it. Do hope we will see you again then.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

September 13, 1950

Mrs. W. W. S. Butler
858 Wildwood Road
Roanoke 14, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Butler:

Many thanks for your recent letter and enclosed check.

It is our error that the contribution from the Y.W.C.A. Race Relations Committee was not credited to your membership as it should have been. We are correcting our record today. Please be assured that we value your membership too much to drop you.

We are sorry that a survey has not worked out for Roanoke as yet. Please let us know if we can be of any help. I suppose you saw the report of the Greenville survey. We thought it would be of interest to you and will be glad to send you additional copies if you want them.

Our kindest regards.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

September 13, 1950

Mr. L. D. Milton, President
The Citizens' Trust Company
212 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Milton:

It was a pleasure to talk with you yesterday, and we are most grateful for your interest in the Council.

Here are the people whom you agreed to see about the "50 for '51" campaign.

	1949	1950
Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Burns 149 Chestnut Street, N.W.	-	-
Mr. J. R. Henderson 816 Playland, N.W.	$25.00	-
Dr. R. O. Johnson 634 Beckwith Street, S.W.	-	-
Dr. & Mrs. F. Earl McLendon 1367 Hunter Street, N.W.	-	-
Mr. Charles D. Saxon 127 Stafford Street, S.W.	5.00	-
Mr. John P. Whitaker 71 Newcastle Street, S.W.	8.00	-

We have a record of Dr. Johnson's membership, but he seems to have moved and we cannot locate him at the above address. If you know his correct address, we would appreciate having it so that New South can again be sent to him.

Our many thanks for all your help.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

Chapel Hill, N. C.
September 13, 1950

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

My dear Charles:

I am spending a couple of days in Atlanta and have had an opportunity to see in some detail what the activities of the Southern Regional Council are, and to look at the difficult financial situation the organization faces. I am convinced that in this time of transition the work of the Council is indispensable, but the very nature of its work makes it difficult to finance. The amount of Southern support is increasing. In fact, this organization has been more successful than any other of kindred nature in developing something approaching popular support in the South. Almost half of all money is coming from small gifts from a large number of white and colored people scattered over the South. This is something new, and is an achievement of great importance. However, the Council cannot live as yet on these amounts, and we must find from somewhere else, twenty or thirty thousand dollars a year in order to keep this program going.

There is much evidence that there is great danger that the white people of good intentions in the South will be so confused in this period of transition as to lose the opportunity they have of being effective. There never were so many of these people in the South before, and yet they are absolutely dependent on somebody guiding them through this period. The Council is the only possible agency that can do this. Without the Council a great force for good will be in these confusing times completely futile in almost every community in the South.

George tells me that you are willing to try to do what you can to get a substantial gift from Mr. Whitney's crowd. This seems to me to be very important, and I would hope that you would be able to get, not a gift for one year, but a gift for a three-year period. I am simply writing to say that if I can help you in any way with this, I would be glad for you to call on me.

Sincerely,

W. W. Alexander

WWA:er

September 13, 1950

Mr. Clarence Pickett
Wallingford, Pennsylvania

Dear Clarence Pickett:

Dr. Alexander is here, for a day or two. He thinks our SRC President, Paul Williams, and I should go and see the Mr. (Paul?) Mellon, of the Old Dominion Foundation.

Can you tell me how we might get to see him?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

September 14, 1950

Mrs. Clyde W. Moore
2507 Springhill Avenue
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Moore:

We are extremely grateful to the Alabama Conference of W.S.C.S. for its recent contribution to the Southern Regional Council. It means much to have your interest and support.

We are entering complimentary subscriptions for you and Mrs. Heustess, your Conference president.

Please extend our sincere thanks to your organization.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

September 14, 1950

Miss Ida Bilger, Director
Bethlehem Center
1016 State Street
Richmond 23, Virginia

Dear Miss Bilger:

Thank you for your subscription to New South. By a special arrangement with the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation their members receive New South for $1.00, but the regular subscription fee is $1.50 per year.

We should like very much to have you become a member of the Council. Single memberships are $3.00 per year and members receive all the publications issued throughout the year. They are also entitled to vote at our annual meeting. I enclose a membership blank along with this invitation to join.

The Virginia Department of Interracial Cooperation of the Virginia Council of Churches is our affiliated organization in Virginia. The director is Reverend Mr. C. Emerson Smith, 109 West Grace Street, Room 202, Richmond, Virginia. The members of this group do not receive New South unless they subscribe or are also members of the Council.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

September 14, 1950

Mrs. Gertrude Mosely
476 Tatnall, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Mosely:

Miss White of the Atlanta University School of Social Work has told me that you are interested in a secretarial position.

In this office the position of membership secretary is soon to be vacant. It requires typing and a careful attention to details.

If you are interested in this job, please telephone me, WAlnut 1821, at your earliest convenience. I will be happy to talk with you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh
also to: Mrs. Catherine E. Wilson
Route 1, Box 49
Chamblee, Ga.

September 14, 1950

Mr. William B. Stubbs
John Bulow Campbell Foundation
Trust Company of Georgia Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Stubbs:

The Southern Regional Council wishes to request from the John Bulow Campbell Foundation $2,500.00 in order to continue for an additional year our Home Town Self-Survey project.

We have sent you from time to time progress reports on this project, which the Foundation has so generously helped for the two-year period of 1948-1949. I append a further summary.

Home Town Self-Surveys, like dairy cows, take a good while to grow. (I used to be told in the Department of Agriculture that it takes longer to make a dairy cow than a battleship.) It will be seen from the summary that a lot has been done to get the idea, in leaflets and the manual, into the hands of people who are likely to be interested. We think that some more cities and many towns will take up the idea. We are planning to get out a printed version of the manual, simplified and shortened to accord with the experience we have had with it.

We suppose that the best fruits of the whole investment will come in a third year. It is to be noted that the period of international tension may change so many things that 1951 would be an unlucky year for getting this vital local work done. On the other hand, it is equally likely -- perhaps even a bit more likely -- that the strains and adjustments on the home front, even in small Southern towns, will make it more necessary than ever to put together the facts on which sensible and agreed change can be brought about.

We have calculated the cost for another year as in the second attachment.

If the Foundation will see this one through for 1951, I will commit the Council to ask no more from you for the Self-Survey project.

We ourselves think that the total of $6,000.00 (one-half put up by

the John Bulow Campbell Foundation) which will have gone into the Self-Survey project by the end of this year has been a yielding investment in public benefit. Money enough to carry it for a further year ought to bring the best of the yield.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

BUDGET OF HOME TOWN SELF-SURVEY PROJECT FOR 1951

One-half of Salary of Community Relations Worker	$ 1,150.00
Travel	450.00
Rent	156.00
Record Keeping	180.00
Telephone	12.00
Postage	200.00
Clerical Work	10.00
Envelopes	13.00
Paper	4.00
Printing	500.00
Total	$ 2,675.00

(These figures omit any charge for the very considerable overhead contribution of the Southern Regional Council to the Home Town Self-Survey project in the form of general supervision and editorial aid.)

September 14, 1950

Mr. Arthur W. Mitchell
Box 670
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Many thanks for your letter of September 2.

I will be on your doorstep by 9:15 A.M. Monday, September 18.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

September 14, 1950

Dr. Will W. Alexander
New Hope Farm, RFD #3
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Will:

You were mighty kind to come down and worry with us and give us your thought and advice. I will follow along for the things you proposed.

A society in transition like this one cannot run without something like this Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

September 14, 1950

Mr. J. M. Tydings
Lincoln Institute
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Dear J. M.:

This is a gentle reminder that the Kentucky effort was postponed to September. September is now rolling along. We are hoping that the effort is also.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

September 14, 1950

Donald Grant, Esq.
17-A Great Ormond Street
London, W.C. 1, England

Dear Mr. Grant:

That was very kind indeed of you to send me the articles from the "Times" about South Africa. I read it all last night and learned quite a lot. A queer way the "Times" has of conveying much by juxtaposition, by omission, and by the wry mention.

The people who run the South African Institute of Race Relations are in this country now -- Mr. Quintin Whyte and his wife. We hope to see them later this month in Atlanta. I have read also the New Statesman's recent cautions that explosions are a-coming.

I don't know what thing it is deep down in Anglo-Celto-Teutono people that makes so few of them able to treat everybody else as equal. The answer to it all is in recognizing merit and talent wherever it appears and rewarding it with friendship and dignity.

Please write us again.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

CC: Mr. Alex Miller

September 14, 1950

Mr. Prescott Kelly
Brown-Marx Building
Birmingham, Alabama

My dear Mr. Kelly:

I take the liberty of writing you on the advice of one of our friends.

On the basis of such information as has been supplied, it seems to me that an attempt to carry out the provisions of Mr. Woodward's will as relating to the establishment of a boys' school is regrettable. The two types of racial exclusiveness are repugnant to good manners, good education, and good democracy.

I would like to express the opinion that the Board having the matter in its authority would do more for Alabama's and America's honor and profit by refusing to create an institution under these terms than by building and conducting for fifty years an institution whose very terms of origin would be felt as an insult by many good American citizens.

It is greatly to be hoped that the plan will not be proceeded with.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

September 14, 1950

Mrs. Harold A. Stone
1051 26th Road
Arlington, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Stone:

Mrs. Leonard Haas here in Atlanta has been telling me for months that next time I am in Washington I am to come to see you. I think the idea is that I could be useful as a one-time adviser on this part of the world.

It was originally intended that I should go see you and Mrs. Strauss together at the League office, but since then I understand you have reverted to a more private status.

I will be in Washington all day and all evening Tuesday, September 19.

If you will send a note or leave a phone message at the Cosmos Club that morning earlyish, I will know at what if any part of the day it might suit you for me to pay you a visit.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Sent: New South (Hill-Burton Act story)
Survey leaflet
Greenville survey

September 14, 1950

Miss Lillie Falkenberry
First Baptist Church
Selma, Alabama

Dear Miss Falkenberry:

I am glad to have your letter of September 11.

You have some leverage toward getting the hospital you need because of the Hill-Burton Act. I send a leaflet which describes it. As the Hill part of it is your own Senator Lister Hill, it ought to be easy to find people who know the ropes. Generally I think the arrangement is that the Federal government will put up about a third of the money, and the State a third, and the city or local community a third.

It will of course be necessary to convince whatever Alabama state office handles hospital matters in connection with the Hill-Burton Act that Selma's need stacks up with that of other places. If the accurate facts as to beds available, number of cases, requiring which and what degrees of hospitalization, etc., are not already available, they will have to be got. We think one of the most useful ways of getting them is through what we call a home town self-survey. I send a leaflet on that and a copy of what they did in Greenville, South Carolina recently. Perhaps Selma would not wish to do the job in all fields (though I would greatly wish for it to do that). If you wanted to limit it to the hospital facilities, you could. The advantage of doing it by the survey method is double: you get the facts, and you get the active and effective interest of the prominent local people who themselves make the survey.

If we can help you with detailed advice, we will be happy to do so.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

September 14, 1950

Mr. Frank Altschult
Overbrook Farm
River Bank
Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Altschult:

Here is a good story from the New York Times based on a recent issue of our Council's magazine.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

September 14, 1950

Mr. John Hay Whitney
630 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Whitney:

Here is a good story from the New York Times based on a recent issue of our Council's magazine.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

September 15, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Quintin Whyte
c/o Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mrs. Whyte:

Many thanks for your note from Nashville. Sorry Mr. Whyte has been ill.

Mr. Clement is out of the city and so is Mr. Mays, and I am to be out next week, so little has been done toward coordinating a schedule for you. My guess is that you will be happier if you are not in a rush-rush for each moment you are here.

I have laid claim to you both for Sunday afternoon, the 24th, at our home from tea time until bed time, but would step aside for anything which Mr. Clement may have planned. I will try to get into that time some good short documentaries that the Southern Educational Film Production Service has done.

I think for the Monday morning, the 25th, there could be arranged a tour of schools in Atlanta and vicinity -- mostly Negro schools -- for you. For you both, of course, if you care to go.

If you wanted to give Friday night, the 29th, to looking at the trade unions, that could be arranged, though we would have to take pot-luck on what might be meeting that night.

I think the people around Atlanta University and Morehouse College will be anxious to pin one or both of you down for lectures and meetings, and so on.

I will be happy to arrange interviews with two, three, or four people most apt to be informed. Ralph McGill, who runs a paper, Malcolm Bryan, a conservative banker, Phil Hammer, a city planner, or any others.

I hope to get Mr. Clement and Mr. Mays and myself back into town and

into communication on the 23rd.

Meanwhile, you will find that there needn't be a great deal of advance arranging in order for you to see quite a lot of Atlanta.

We all greatly look forward to having the two of you with us.

My home phone is Dearborn 5961, and that will be my most likely place on Saturday the 23rd or Sunday the 24th. Do call me when you get in.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

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PD.

Southern Regional Council, 63 Auburn
Ave NE, Atlanta - WA 7963

September 15, 1950

DAY LETTER - PREPAID

Mr. Emory Ross
Foreign Missions Conference of North America
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Shall be in New York September 21 and 22. Are you available,

and when?

George S. Mitchell

September 15, 1950

Mr. Milton C. Rose, Secretary
William C. Whitney Foundation
120 Broadway
New York 5, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Rose:

Last April the William C. Whitney Foundation very generously came to the aid of the Southern Regional Council with an emergency grant for 1950 of $1,000. We continue to be most grateful for that timely help.

You may recall that the Council had previously filed a regular appeal on January 30, 1950. When Mr. Straight was here last spring, we felt encouraged that this appeal for a substantial contribution would be considered by your board in planning its program for the next year. We shall be glad to supply any additional information or to take any further action which may be necessary in order to have the board's consideration.

I will be in New York Thursday and Friday of next week, September 21 and 22, at which time I hope it will be convenient with you for me to call at your office.

Sincerely yours,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/f

September 15, 1950

Mrs. Emory Hill
3607 Seminary Avenue
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Julia:

I am to be in Richmond this coming Monday, September 18. If you can bed me down that night I will be very grateful.

I don't get to town until about 1 P.M. and will call when I do.

Love to you and Ruth.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

P.S. If you are short of room, make no special arrangements. I could go on to Washington, or there is always Rueger's.

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

September 15, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

We have been asked to be represented at the inauguration of Mr. Daniel at Virginia State College at Petersburg Saturday, October 14, at 10:30 A.M.

They will provide lunch at two o'clock and there will be a reception at four.

Main thing is to march in the procession in the morning. Unfortunately, it is shown that they expect marchers to provide their own academic costume.

Could we get you to drive over and march for the Council? It would be a chance to get us remembered by a lot of useful people.

I will try to remember to ask you about it on Monday, but in case I forget, this is official.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

September 15, 1950

Mr. Morris Abram
1414 East Rock Springs Court, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

I will be in New York all day Thursday and Friday, September 21 and 22.

I don't know where I will stay, but I will certainly be in touch with my close friends, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Jeffries, 9 Myrtle Drive, Great Neck, Long Island. They have a phone, but I don't know the number.

I will call my office from New York Thursday morning, the 21st, and find out whether it worked out that you could come up to New York. If so, the two of us I suppose could go see your friends Friday afternoon, the 22nd.

Good luck with your case.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

September 15, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. George Stoney
1253 Prince Street
Athens, Georgia

Dear Folks:

A bird named Quintin Whyte and the bird's wife are Carnegie-ing this-a-ways for the week beginning Sunday September 24th. He runs the South African Institute of Race Relations, which is cousin and opposite number to SRC over yonder.

Mrs. Whyte is in her own name an expert in adult education and visual aids. She also works for the SAIRR.

On present advices, Alice and I are to have them for tea and for supper Sunday night, September 24. I propose to have a small rotation in at tea time and a most minute nucleus at supper time. Could you and Mary be part of the nucleus, with two or three reels and what you show them with?

If that won't suit, is there by luck any other occasion on the 25th or th 26th or on the 29th in Atlanta, or the 27th or 28th at Tuskegee when your stuff will be on exhibit?

Affectionately,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

September 15, 1950

Mr. Ralph A. Rose
American Friends Service Committee
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Rose:

I am to be in Philadelphia this coming Wednesday, September 20, and will come to see you and/or the committee.

Emory Via called me the other day and said the news was not good, but you are still at work.

Our needs are at a climax, and we do hope something can be done.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

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September 15, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Jeffrey
9 Myrtle Drive
Great Neck, L. I., New York

Dear Marianne and Friedel:

The man is coming back to New York for Thursday and Friday, the 21st and 22nd of September.

Could I sleep chez vous the night of the 21st?

You needn't write because I will be gone before a letter could reach me.

I will call Marianne when I get to the big city and see how the world lies.

Affectionately,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

September 15, 1950

Mr. Stuart Meacham
Sidney Hillman Foundation
9 Union Square
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Meacham:

This is a request to the Foundation for an early emergency grant of $2,500.00 to the Southern Regional Council.

Literature describing the Council and its program is in your hands and unless it is desired, I will not dwell at length on that. Suffice it to say that, as an organization embodying the earnest concern of thoughtful and fair-minded Southern people of both races and of all creeds, it is performing a task indispensable today in interpretation to the South of the pressing requirements, in all matters of human welfare, in the world outside.

The Council has operated so far this year on a (greatly reduced) annual budget of $35,000. Of the approximately $25,000 which has thus far been received, only $7,000 has come as foundation grants, and the remainder has been received from dues payments, from sale of literature, from church contributions, or from individual contributions of five, ten, or twenty-five dollars from private individuals sscattered over the whole South. The sum of these individual contributions is something over $9,000. The Council has had well over half of its support this year from within the South. But it is still not able completely to close the gap left by the loss of the large annual contribution hitherto made to it by the Julius Rosenwald Fund. The proportion of individual and Southern aid has grown very rapidly in the last three years, and most rapidly of all in 1950. It remains, however, in the very greatest need of some extra aid at this time.

The Council enjoys tax exemption on the basis of a U. S. Treasury letter dated July 28, 1947.

I attach an audit for the year 1949. Since that year we have had assistance from several additional sources, among them the United Steelworkers of America, CIO and the Textile Workers Union of

America, CIO.

The Council proposes to apply this Fall to the Foundation for a regular grant for the year 1951. Meanwhile, I am urgently in hope that you can help the Council to meet its present pressing need.

Sincerely,

Paul D. Williams
President

PDW:er
Encl.

September 15, 1950

Mr. Harold J. Weekley
Community Council of Greenville County
110-A West McBee Avenue
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Weekley:

That was a grand letter, and we are deeply grateful to you and to Mr. Elrod for it.

I have sent it over to the proper people and I do hope it will bring us success.

Thank you also for the results since May, 1950. We are deeply impressed.

Warm regards to you and to Mr. Cleaver.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

P.S. Extra showers of blessings for the extra letter from Mr. Winn. It went on its errand of helpfulness pronto where 'tother one went. And congratulations about the park and the news story.

September 15, 1950

Mr. William B. Stubbs
John Bulow Campbell Foundation
Trust Company of Georgia Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Stubbs:

Our friends in Greenville sent us over today this kind letter from the Vice-President of the First National Bank about the work survey there.

Along with it came word that another of the recommendations of the survey has just been acted upon. The State Forestry Commission has bought 300 acres of mountain land behind Greenville as the first state park for Negroes in Piedmont South Carolina. Incidentally, it was pointed out to us that the front page story announcing the purchase uniformly distributed courtesy titles.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
OF GREENVILLE, S. C.

COPY

Greenville, South Carolina

September 13, 1950

Dr. W. F. Loggins, President
Community Council of Greenville County
17 Westfield Street
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Dr. Loggins:

I have been generally familiar with the work you and your associates were engaged in in preparing the survey of the negro conditions in Greenville. I have just read completely the very fine report of this survey entitled "Greenville's Big Idea". I want to take this opportunity to personally congratulate you and all of the other members of the committee for a job well done. I know that the survey required untold hours of hard work, however, you may be assured that your efforts will be rewarded by a greater Greenville as the recommendations are gradually adopted and put into practice.

With best personal regards, I am

Yours truly,

(s) H. J. Winn
Vice-President and Trust Officer

HJW/gkb

COPY

September 15, 1950

Mr. M. J. Norrell
Inter-Racial Committee
Dallas Chamber of Commerce
Chamber of Commerce Building
Dallas 2, Texas

Dear Mr. Norrell:

We are grateful for your letter, so full of wisdom and right action.

Your memoramdum to the members of the Inter-Racial Committee saves me a long paragraph here. It is proof that you understand the spirit in which these things must be done if they are to contribute soundly to community growth.

We have looked closely at the proposed organization and work plan, and like it. Our Council has found that the master device is for people of influence in a town or city themselves to find out the facts. Thereafter changes come, rapidly. We have called this device the home town self-survey. You have got hold of the same device and are calling it a series of active committees plus associate committees.

After the facts are in and published in one way or another, there is still another thing to do. Arrange machinery which will convene every six months or so the group who took the lead in getting the facts together. There you tick off what has been done and what is yet to do, and agree on who is to get what done and how. This latter is the real fruits of the whole effort.

And yet there is still another fruit which is really the real fruit, and that is the new quality of understanding and of agreement and of citizenship.

I will guarantee you that if you and your friends carry through what you have laid out, Dallas will go naturally into local practices of which the people of both races will be proud and the accustomed use of which will defend you from the evil things that bitterness and injustice can do in a bi-racial society.

I send you separately a bundle of printed things. Each is worth a few minutes of your time. I regret that we do not have a copy left of our manual for making surveys. We have distributed hundreds of them and are entirely out, and haven't the $600 it is going to cost to print it. But we will send you one when we can get one.

You perhaps know that Texas has a Statewide Commission on Interracial Cooperation, of which Mrs. James S. Crate, 2410 Inwood Avenue, Houston, is Chairman. The Texas Commission has a Dallas chapter. The Commission is an independent affiliate of the Southern Regional Council. If you don't know Mrs..Crate and her friends, you will find them wise and helpful.

The two surveys at Jacksonville, Florida, and Greenville, South Carolina, ought to be of the very greatest interest to you. Something of the same sort is working out at Shreveport, Louisiana, but I am not closely in touch with it and don't know more than that.

We would be eager to meet with your group or work with some of the committees for several days, or do whatever you might think helpful. We will have to ask for our travel to be paid, but that would be all.

In any case, let us know how you move along. We rejoice that you are on so good a track.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

September 15, 1950

Cosmos Club
1520 8th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I would be grateful for the club's kindness in holding a room for me for the night of Tuesday, September 19.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

September 15, 1950

Rev. H. Brent Schaeffer
1525 Robinson Street
Jackson 11, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Schaeffer:

Many thanks for word about your meeting October 24. I will certainly be there prepared to take part in a panel discussion.

Among the topics that present themselves would be Home Town Self-Surveys, Race in the News, Police and Justice, Better Schools, or Freedom Abroad and at Home.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

September 18, 1950

His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch
Archbishop of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Your Eminence:

Mr. Paul Williams has forwarded your recent generous contribution to the Southern Regional Council.

It comes at a time of great need and we wish to express our sincere gratitude for your deep interest in the Council's program.

Please write us if at any time we can be of service to you.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

September 18, 1950

Mr. Alex Miller
Anti-Defamation League
11 Pryor Street, S.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Miller:

In reply to your note regarding the Myrtle Beach incident, I will say that I have taken the matter up with the church women of South Carolina. The Methodist women are planning to make some statement at their Executive Meeting at Myrtle Beach on October 4-5. When we find out the time the Dragon is to be tried, if he ever will be, some of these South Carolina women will be at the trial, and I will be with them.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

DT:er

September 18, 1950

Mr. George T. Guernsey
Associate Director of Education
Congress of Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear George:

When I first got the notice about that CIO school at Highlander I wrote it on my calendar and said I would like to get up there.

My Executive Committee meets October 7, so I will have to push back to early in the week. Will it be all right if I am there Sunday, October 1 and Monday, October 2?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

September 18, 1950

Mr. Allen Early, Jr.
601 Barfield Building
Amarillo, Texas

Dear Mr. Early:

In checking our records, we find that you became a member of the Southern Regional Council in July 1949.

However, we find no indication that you have been receiving our publications. We deeply regret this error and are now beginning your membership at this date. This means that your dues will not be payable again until July 1951.

Please notify us if you do not receive New South, and write us if the above address is not correct.

We are indeed grateful for your interest in the Council's program.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

also to Mr. & Mrs. William H. Wiggins, joined 12/3/48
3237 Reeves Street
% Mr. C.A. Jones
Houston 4, Texas

September 18, 1950

Mrs. Ann Peace Rawls
Woods Hill
Franklin, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Rawls:

In checking our records, we find that you are a member of the North Carolina Commission on Interracial Cooperation and joined the Southern Regional Council in March this year.

However, we find no indication that your membership was completely entered or that you have been receiving our publications. We are extremely sorry for this error and are mailing you the past issues of New South, in addition to the new member packet which should have been sent you in March.

Please let us know if there is any difficulty in receiving future issues of our publication.

We are indeed grateful for your interest in the Council.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

September 18, 1950

The Very Reverend John L. Morkovsky, S.T.D.
123 Octavia Place
San Antonio 4, Texas

Dear Dr. Morkovsky:

We have doscoverend that you have not been receiving our publication, New South, since you sent us your change of address.

I do not have a record of when that was, but we are sending you some back issues and hope that you will write us if we have neglected to send you all the issues you should have.

We sincerely appreciate your interest in the Council.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

September 18, 1950

Mr. James Zech, Director
City-County Tuberculosis Control Board
128 W. Commerce Street
San Antonio 5, Texas

Dear Mr. Zech:

Dr. Mitchell, who is out of town, has asked me to thank you for your interesting letter of September 12. I have sent off a copy of the NEW SOUTH article on professional associations to Miss Nelms, as you suggested. We are happy that you found the report useful.

We were most interested in your report on "Social Services in Tuberculosis -- San Antonio Plan". San Antonio seems to have done an excellent and unique job of mobilizing community resources to meet a major local problem effectively and honestly.

We were also much interested in the information you related about Atlanta department stores. Apparently, the case you mention happened some time ago. At present, although elevators are not segregated, all the department stores we know about maintain separate -- and not always adequate -- water fountains, rest rooms, and lunch rooms. So far as we know, none of the stores operate restaurants or fountains for Negroes, but merely provide lunch rooms where Negroes may eat whatever food they bring with them or buy elsewhere.

Economic pressure has been effective in some areas, however. In recent years there has been a marked increase in the courtesy shown to Negro customers by department store salespeople. And in a few cases, white firms have employed Negro salesmen to tap the Negro market. We also know of one case, in the early 1930's, where economic boycott (over refusal to hire Negro help) resulted in the closing of an A&P store in a Negro neighborhood.

Although the Southern Regional Council's program has largely -- and naturally -- emphasized the problems of the largest minority group in the region, the Negroes, the Council is very definitely concerned

with the welfare of all groups. Wherever we have informed and active local members, they are active in behalf of all people in their communities.

We are sending you separately a few materials which will tell you more about the Council and its work. We thought that you would be especially interested in the report of the Greenville (South Carolina) Self-Survey, which shows -- as does your own report -- what effective results can be achieved when local citizens themselves learn the facts and become aroused to action.

You may perhaps know that Texas has a statewide Commission on Interracial Cooperation, of which Mrs. James S. Crate (2410 Inwood Avenue, Houston) is Chairman. The Commission is an independent affiliate of the Southern Regional Council. If you do not know Mrs. Crate and her friends, you will find them wise and helpful.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Fleming
Survey Assistant

September 18, 1950

Mr. Hugh A. Brimm
2825 Lexington Road
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Brimm:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to write you to ask if you have one or two copies of the June 1950 issue of LIGHT which you could spare for us.

We had to use our ohly copy as one of the exhibits in a request for financial aid for our self-survey program . We would appreciate it very much if you could send us a copy or two for our own survey files.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Fleming
Survey Assistant

September 18, 1950

Mr. George McMillan
Box 299
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear George:

Welcome home!

I have a new automobile, a Hillman, and with luck I should get it to Aiken some time in the next six or eight weeks.

Meanwhile, if you get up this way, so much the better.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

September 18, 1950

Mr. A. D. Beittel, President
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Mr. Beittel:

That is all in order and will be managed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

September 18, 1950

The Elliott Addressing Machine Company
Credit Department
143 Albany Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Sirs:

This will acknowledge your statement of invoice notifying us of overdue invoices.

We regret this delay in payment and will make remittance as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

September 18, 1950

Reverend and Mrs. R. F. McGregor
102 Dixie Lane
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dear Reverend and Mrs. McGregor:

Your record indicates that you became members of the Southern Regional Council in June 1949.

However, we find no record of your having received our publications. We deeply regret this error and are entering your membership today. A renewal of this membership will be due again in September 1951. We do hope that this will be satisfactory and hope that you will write us in the event that you would prefer to have the publications which should have been sent you since your membership began.

We are grateful for your interest in the Council.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

September 18, 1950

Mrs. Zelpha Ellen E. Chandler, Director
Academic Department
Piney Wood School
Piney Woods, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Chandler:

We note that you became a member of the Southern Regional Council in November 1948 and that you paid your dues regularly through last year.

However, we find no indication that you have been receiving our publications. I understand that you wished them to be sent to Mrs. Lola Bellinger, librarian at the school. We deeply regret this oversight and would appreciate your advising us. We would be happy to send Mrs. Bellinger all the back publications or begin sending publications at this date. In the event that you decide to begin sending the publications now, we would send them until September 1951, at which time you would renew your membership.

May we hear from you?

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

September 18, 1950

Dr. Marguerite Woodruff
Box 601, Baylor Station
Belton, Texas

Dear Dr. Woodruff:

We note that you joined the Southern Regional Council in February of this year.

However, in checking the records, I find no indication that you have been receiving our publication, New South, since your membership was entered. We deeply regret this error and I am enclosing under separate cover those issues which should have been sent sent to you. Please notify me if there is any further difficulty in our mailings to you.

We are grateful for your interest in the Council's program.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

September 18, 1950

Dr. William Friday
Dean of Students
The University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Friday:

In reply to your letter of September 15, I do not know just what progress can be made in collecting the information about the political campaign in North Carolina. We had hoped that the University of North Carolina might turn its research to this end.

I am sending you a pamphlet about the Southern Regional Council and THE NEW SOUTH which is self-explanatory.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

DT:er
Encl.

September 19, 1950

Dr. Harry V. Richardson, President
Gammon Theological Seminary
9 McDonough Boulevard, S.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Richardson:

Many thanks for forwarding the letters from Mr. Nabrit and Bishop Bowen. They came while Dr. Mitchell was out of the city, but I have made copies of them and he will see them when he gets back in town next week.

Again, many thanks.

Sincerely,

Beth Rogers
Secretary to Dr. Mitchell

September 19, 1950

Mrs. Irving B. Fritz
1370 East 61st Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Helen:

We are all delighted to hear about your being married. Somebody must contrive to get to Chicago and meet Mr. Fritz, and hear from you both how wonderful it is. I hope I get elected to go.

The Council limps along. We work hard, but we suffer from malnutrition. Howsomever, we still now and then sell some Housing in the South, and we still get twenty cents apiece for them.

Come to see us when you come to Atlanta.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

AIR MAIL September 20, 1950

Mr. Hodding Carter, Editor
Delta Democrat-Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Carter:

We are right in the midst of preparing our annual report on Negro policemen for the next issue of New South, so I must send you the current figures in improvised form.

The table from the September 1949 New South has been revised to show our figures as they stand today. Cities added since last year are listed on the typewritten sheet attached.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Negro police issue of October 1947, which contains two short articles on the successful use of Negro policemen.

I hope this is what you need. If we can be of further help, let me know.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

enc.

September 20, 1950

Mr. T. W. Simpson (Att. IW)
Division of Libraries and Institutes
Department of State
1778 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Simpson:

We are happy to send you without charge a copy of the July issue of our monthly publication New South, reporting our survey of Negro membership in Southern professional associations.

Under separate cover, we are sending some descriptive materials, including a complete price list.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

enc.
New South, July 1950

September 20, 1950

Mrs. St. Julien Childs
73 King Street
Charleston 4, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Childs:

That was awfully good of you to get Mr. Harris's approval so promptly. Our police issue of New South will be much strengthened as a result.

Thanks, too, for the clippings on the Myrtle Beach episode. They are particularly useful, since we are thinking of running a resume of what is known of the affair in an early New South. I am sending Mr. Frances Taylor a copy of the SRC account of the Groveland disorders, today.

Dr. Mitchell is out of the city this week, but I will pass on your invitation to him as soon as he returns. I know he will appreciate it.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

September 20, 1950

Mr. Frances Taylor
The News and Courier
Meeting Street
Charleston, S. C.

Dear Mr. Taylor:

At the suggestion of one of our Charleston members, I am happy to send you this account of the mob violence in and around Groveland, Fla., last summer.

We have read with great interest your stories on the recent Myrtle Beach disorder. You are to be congratulated on so thorough a job.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

enc.
New South, Aug. 49

September 21, 1950

Dear Friend:

This is a special invitation to you to attend the opening session of the Hungry Club of the Butler Street YMCA on Wednesday, September 27 at 12:15 noon at the 'Y'.

The program will be broadcast as usual and Mr. Milo Henke, recently General Secretary of the YMCA in Germany, will be our guest speaker. His subject will be "Communism in Germany."

Please make your reservations early and help us to make this opening session a success.

Sincerely,

Mozell Hill

Dr. Mozell Hill,
Toastmaster

September 21, 1950

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Route 1
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

As much as we would have liked to fill in your blank check with large round numbers, we have had to tear it up. The total of monies collected by South Carolina has reached the staggering and impressive sum of $1,255.88. Here is the way it adds up.

Donations		$1,081.88
State Division Dues:		
January	$ 7.50	
February	11.00	
March	20.00	
April	none	
May	62.50	
June	51.50	
July	14.50	
August	7.00	174.00
		$1,255.88

For your records, I am enclosing the complete list of donors. Beginning this month, we are resuming our division of one-half of dues returns.

You have been most energetic and loyal in your support of SRC, and we wish to thank your Division for its good and rewarding efforts. Dr. Mitchell is out of the city this week, but I am sure he will also want to thank you for all your help. We are sincerely grateful.

Our annual meeting date has not yet been set. It will be sometime during the first half of November. We do hope you will be able to come. On October 7, our Executive Committee will meet and determine the date. Everyone will be notified.

Let us know the results of your Executive Board meeting and please extend our thanks to all.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

cc: Miss Minahan

Sent: What Kind of South
Honest Answer Reprint
Recommendation to Sou. Governors
Negro Police - 1949
Race in the News
Three Decisions
Professional Associations
Both Herald Tribune stories

September 21, 1950

Mr. S. Normand
Consumers Mill Products Company
10 East 3rd Street
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Normand:

At the suggestion of Mrs. Dorothy Wyre, we are sending you some pamphlets published by the Council, as well as some other materials on its work. They will give you some idea of the scope of our work and, we hope, will be of general interest and usefulness to you.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rogers
Secretary to the Executive Director

September 22, 1950

Mr. Ralph A. Rose
American Friends Service Committee
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Rose:

It is most considerate of you to make a contribution to the general budget of the Southern Regional Council, and we ask you to please express our sincere thanks to the American Friends Service Committee for their generosity.

Your kind letter is deeply appreciated. We hope that you will not hesitate to call on us if we can be of service to you.

All our gratitude and good wishes.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff

NH:jwh

September 22, 1950

Bacon Pamphlet Service, Inc.
139 Woodbury Road
Huntington, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge your order, No. C 6870.

Our records show an outstanding invoice of $3.99 for your order No. C 5733, shipped December 21, 1949, and bill rendered as of that date.

Although the amount is relatively small, our low budget makes it necessary for us to require satisfaction of outstanding invoices before rendering further service.

We will hold your recent order with the hope that we may hear from you at an early date.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

September 22, 1950

Mr. C. C. Spaulding
Box 201
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Spaulding:

We are enclosing a check for fifty dollars which represents one-half of the dues return for the month of April 1950. We should make the remittance for March first, but this sum amounts to a staggering $151, and at the moment is more than we can send you. However, I hope to be able to give it to you soon.

I am enclosing the statement covering the dues return. We are trying to pay off our obligations as rapidly as possible, and beg your indulgence with our slowness.

All our good wishes.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

cc: Rev. Leon Russell
Mr. Gurney P. Hood

Sent: What Kind of South Do You Want?
Both Herald Tribune stories
Race in the news
Professional associations drop color bar
Honest answer in civil rights
Yellow jacket
Greenville survey

September 23, 1950

Mr. James Wechsler
New York Post
New York, New York

Dear Jimmy:

This Council I work for is constantly impecunious. I was in conversation the other day while in Washington with Paul Sifton, who told me about your present job and that it brought you into at least the acquaintance of Mrs. Schiff.

We would like to get Mrs. Schiff to understand what sort of a show the Council is and to become interested in it. Maybe the Post would want to do a story on the Southern Regional Council.

In any case, here is some stuff about us, and I would be most grateful if you would think a little about how we might get Mrs. Schiff to help us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

September 25, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Wright
2171 Madison Avenue, Apt. 5-E
New York, New York

Dear Folks:

Many thanks for a mighty good dinner and enjoyable company.

Every success to Harry's venture as a broker. We will hope for both of you to come down to the annual meeting November 8. Maybe in a Cadillac.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

September 25, 1950

Mr. Guy Friddell
923 Kent Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Guy:

Mighty kind of you to drive me out to Houston's.

Best to your nice wife.

I am next to be in Richmond October 27 to talk to a Catholic group at St. Joseph's Villa that Friday afternoon. If I can help you in any way, let me know.

I heard indirectly from Mary that she is delighted with her new job.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

September 25, 1950

Mrs. Floyd Bates, Treasurer, Arkansas Division
125 Atkins Street
Rose City
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Bates:

Enclosed please find our check for $1.50 representing one-half of the dues rethrn during April 1950.

The new member joining the Arkansas Division in April is Tillman C. Cothren, A. M. & N. College, Pine Bluff.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh
cc: Rev. W. W. Wilkie, President
Rev. Charles Walker, Secretary

September 25, 1950

Mrs. C. B. Smith
The Methodist Parsonage
Donelson, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Enclosed please find our check for $42.50 which represents one-half of dues return of the Tennessee Division in March and April.

With it comes our usual wish - that we are able to send you another one soon.

Our kindest regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh
cc: Mr. Mynders

September 25, 1950

Mrs. Hortense Young
818 South Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Young:

Enclosed is our check for twenty-three dollars ($23.00) which represents one-half of Kentucky Division dues returns for March and April.

Those members paying dues in April are:

Mr. J. T. Dorris State College Richmond	$1.50	
Dr. & Mrs. C. Milton Young 818 S. 6th Street, Louisville	4.00	
Reverend Anthony H. Deye St. Anne Convent, Melbourne	1.50	$7.00

I have enclosed the March statement on a separate page.

We do hope to get another check off to you soon.

Our best regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh
cc: Mr. Tydings

September 25, 1950

Mr. A. D. Shores
1630 Fourth Avenue
North Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Shores:

Enclosed please find our statement of dues return for April with check attached for five dollars ($5.00) to to cover April dues.

With this check comes our usual wish - that we can send you another soon.

Our kindest regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh
cc: Dr. Beittel
Dean Gomillion

September 25, 1950

Mr. Damon Hutsler
Supt. of Public Instruction
Brevard County
Titusville, Florida

Dear Mr. Hutsler:

This will acknowledge with thanks your order of September 23 for 36 copies of the December 1948-January 1949 issue of New South.

Unfortunately, we are extremely low on copies. We are forwarding twelve, which cleans out our stock except for our own file copies.

A bill for the twelve copies is being sent to the Brevard County Board of Public Instruction, as you requested.

If we can serve you again in the future, we shall be happy to do so.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:er

September 25, 1950

Mr. Robert L. Van Sant
Room 604, American National Building
Whitehall & Alabama Streets
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bob:

This confirms the arrangement you very kindly made for Mr. and Mrs. Quintin Whyte to be at your office this coming Friday morning at 8:30.

They look forward greatly to the opportunity to be shown farming in these nearer parts of Georgia and the work of the Farmers Home Administration.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

September 25, 1950

In re Friday. Arrangementshhave been made for you both to be taken forty-odd miles into the country to see various kinds of farming.

The journey begins by your appearing at 8:30 A.M. Friday at Room 604, American National Building, corner of Whitehall and Alabama Streets. Room 604 is the office of the State Director for Georgia of the Farmers Home Administration of the United States Department of Agriculture.

This agency is empowered to make loans to farmers unable to obtain bank credit on reasonable terms. Traditionally also it gives some farm management advice to its borrowers. It can lend substantial amounts to selected tenants to buy and improve family-type farms. It can also lend money and in some circumstances grant money for putting up farm homes and farm buildings. Probably the best remaining portion of the New Deal.

The State Director for Georgia is Mr. Robert L. Van Sant. He will probably send you out (in a government car) with an official called a District Supervisor.

You can plan to stay all day, or to be brought back in early rather than late in the afternoon -- as you choose.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

September 25, 1950

Mrs. William C. White
Okeechobee, Florida

Dear Mrs. White:

Here is our check for fifty-three dollars ($53.00) which represents one-half of the dues return of the Florida Division for March and April. We do hope to get another one off to you soon.

Our Executive Committee meets next week and will set the date of the Annual Meeting. We'll let you know and do hope to see you then - sometime during the first half of November.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh
cc: Mr. Gibbs

September 25, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I got back somewhat weary last Saturday.

At Philadelphia the American Friends Service Committee had just achieved a check for a thousand dollars for us. It was a difficult precedent for them, as they did not like to take money given for Quaker causes and put it into another purse, but they did it, and the check is in the bank here in Atlanta -- or it was!

I was not able to see Clarence Pickett, but we have a letter from him, copy of which is attached. Do you wish to write him directly, or should I ask Dr. Will to? Dr. Will does not know him at all. I would think a letter from you directly would do as well as any.

I saw Stuart Meacham at the Sidney Hillman Foundation. They will reach a decision in a few days. He doesn't seem particularly hopeful for an emergency grant, but I still think all of your pressures could get it out of them.

I understand, partly through a letter from Charles Johnson, that the John Hay Whitney Fund at its meeting refused to create the precedent of aid from that fund to a going organization! but that Mr. Whitney was so much impressed with the material about the Council that he undertook to aid us with his wife privately. How much that would be we don't know, nor is it quite certain, but the minimum guess is $2,000, and the maximum could be well up.

I talked with somebody in the ILGWU and know what to do about making an application, and will apply.

I also talked with the William C. Whitney Foundation (Michael Straight) and will do the needful there.

I saw a lot of other leads, none very good.

This morning we had a check for $500.00 from the UAW. I had never formally applied, but a labor friend here, Ross Groshong, had worked on it some, and I believe you had already caused Reuther to know about us. Groshong thought it should have been a thousand, but we are glad to have the five hundred.

Dismally, a letter arrived this morning from Monsignor McNamara saying he is greatly disappointed that he can't get here for the October 7 meeting. We will have a tight time getting a quorum even for that date, but should go through with it, and I will do my best to pull in the five, six, or seven people.

We continue to be grateful for your strong and unselfish aid.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

P.S. I have notified Virginia State College at Petersburg that you will represent the Council. The date is October 14. You are to be in line by ten thirty that morning.

GSM:er
Encls.

September 25, 1950

Rev. J. L. Flaherty
Diocesan Supt. of Schools
Diocese of Richmond
807 Cathedral Place
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Father Flaherty:

Many thanks for your letter.

I expect I will be driving to Richmond, which would take care of my getting out to St. Joseph's Villa. You may count on my being in the city during the forenoon of Friday, October 27, and on hand at the Institute by one o'clock that afternoon.

I don't know where I will stay. If I can persuade Mrs. Mitchell to drive up with me, probably at the Jefferson; otherwise, with friends.

"What Is the South?" is perfectly all right as a title.

I look forward greatly to the opportunity to be with your group.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

September 25, 1950

R F & P Railway Company
Broad Street Station
Richmond, Virginia

Gentlemen:

Last week I went up to New York and back. I apparently armed myself beforehand with a round-trip ticket, Atlanta-Washington-Atlanta, but, as my conversations about the ticket had emphasised Petersburg and Richmond as objectives, I got it into my head that I had bought a ticket Atlanta-Richmond-Atlanta. Therefore, arrived in Richmond, I duly bought a round-trip ticket Richmond-Washington-Richmond. I surrendered the Richmond to Washington part of that on the up journey and on the return journey surrendered the Richmond-Washington part of my original round-trip Atlanta-Washington-Atlanta ticket.

Whatever I can lawfully reclaim on the enclosed stub of 94942, I would be grateful for.

Added small problem. You very kindly sold me for 58¢ (?) a coach seat reservation (as to which I was to pick up just before train time the exact seat) on the 7:45 A.M. northbound. I got up early and caught a Seaboard train at Main Street Station and, of course, there had to buy another reservation. I cancelled this one by calling Broad Street Station. So perhaps your check could include 58¢ for that.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encls.

September 26, 1950

Mrs. Hubert A. Davis
Box 6005
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Davis:

Please extend our thanks to the North Carolina Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for their kindness in making a contribution to the Southern Regional Council.

We would like to send complimentary subscriptions of our publication, New South, to your and several of the officers of the North Carolina Conference. If you will send me their names and addresses, we will enter their subscriptions.

Our many thanks for your generosity.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

September 26, 1950

Messrs. B. H. Blackwell & Co.
Broad Street
Oxford, England

Gentlemen:

I would be grateful for a copy of the book by A. L. Goodhard published by the Oxford University Press in 1949, entitled Five Jewish Lawyers of the Common Law, and charge to my account.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Sent: 8 green leaflets
12 return envelopes

September 26, 1950

Mr. C. H. Gillman
72 Fairlie Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Charlie:

Here are some materials for the "50 for '51" business.

I hold you to no more than you can do, but I know you can do a lot.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

September 26, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Stone
1051 26th Road
Arlington, Virginia

Dear The Stones:

You were just as kind as could be to give me so fine a dinner and such nice company. I do greatly appreciate it.

I reported to the Haases, who were delighted to have news of you.

Miss Ferris and I duly had a pleasant breakfast together on the Philadelphia train.

Please count our Council as an agency that would like to be helpful to the League of Women Voters any time it can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

September 26, 1950

Mr. Charlton Ogburn
68 Williams Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Ogburn:

It was kind of you to allow me to stop in briefly the other day. Here are a few things that will tell more about the Southern Regional Council.

Like all such organizations, we are chronically in need of funds. Dr. Alexander thought that perhaps if we could get together the names of quite a number of expatriate Southerners, residing preferably in New York, and could send them things about the Council, some of them would help us with small contributions.

Dr. Alexander thought perhaps you could put together some such list of names and addresses yourself and that you might know ways in which we could get longer lists through State societies or something of the sort in the city.

We are doing a hard and, we think, useful job, and a lot of sometime Southern people who still feel some duty to things hereabouts might well be willing to help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encls.

September 26, 1950

Dr. D. V. Jemison
1605 Lapsley Street
Selma, Alabama

Dear Dr. Jemison:

You requested me to write you after the National Baptist Convention at the first of this month and remind you of your pledge of $50.00 to the Southern Regional Council.

It was indeed generous of you to make this pledge, and we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your kind interest in the Council's work.

All our good wishes and kind regards.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

September 26, 1950

Dr. Hewitt B. Vinnedge
111 North Twenty-sixth Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Vinnedge:

Mr. Brant Coopersmith of New Orleans has asked us to send you information about the Southern Regional Council.

We are glad to enclose a pamphlet describing the Council's work and extend to you a cordial invitation to become a member.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

September 26, 1950

Mr. Walter P. Reuther, President
U.A.W. - C.I.O.
411 West Milwaukee Avenue
Detroit 2, Michigan

Dear Mr. Reuther:

Our many thanks for your generous contribution to the program of the Southern Regional Council. Please express our gratitude to the International Executive Board of the U.A.W. for their kindness.

We sincerely appreciate your interest and support and hope that you will call on us if we can be of any service to you.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

September 26, 1950

Mr. Carter Wesley
P.O. Box 3086
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

Once more we are grateful to you for helping the Council. Your generous check has come after the summer lull and it means alot to us at this time.

We do wish you could attend the coming Executive Committee meeting, but we are greatly reassured by your continued interest and support, and we will send you a report on the meeting.

A suit attacking inequality and segregation in the city schools was filed here last week and repercussions throughout the state have mostly shown surprise and outrage. The forces fighting the suit are planning their answer and everyone is wondering if they will meet it immediately or use delaying tactics. Anyway it will be interesting to watch the progress.

Please accept all our thanks for your kindness.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

Sent: What kind of south do you want
— Both Herald Tribune stories
— Condition of our rights
— Civil rights report digest
— Honest answer
— Negro police - 1949
— Race in the news
— Greenville's big idea
— Yellow jacket
— Armed forces - NEW SOUTH

September 26, 1950

Mr. David Dubinsky
International Ladies Garment Workers Union
1710 Broadway
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Dubinsky:

The Southern Regional Council wishes to make an appeal for financial aid from the Executive Board of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

We are an old established interracial organization spread widely throughout the South and active on many fronts to improve the material condition and perfect a common citizenship for all the people of the region. You will find our work pretty well described in the enclosed two reprints from the Herald Tribune.

The Council runs now for about $35,000.00 a year. We have raised this year well over half of that from within the South in membership dues, in sale of literature, and in contributions of five and ten dollars from hundreds of Southern citizens. The rest has come from churches or from small foundation grants. We have been helped generously by the Methodist Church and by the American Friends Service Committee, and we have had modest support each year from the Protestant Episcopal Church and from the Southern Presbyterians. Two leading Catholic dignitaries have made substantial personal grants. We have also had quite considerable sums from Jewish friends in the South. Among the trade unions which have helped us this year are the United Steelworkers of America ($1,000.00), the United Textile Workers of America ($500.00), and the United Automobile Workers of America ($500.00). The Georgia State Industrial Union Council has also given us $100.00 lately.

Contributions to the Council are tax exempt, as set forth in the U.S. Treasury's letter to us dated July 28, 1947.

I would be happy to appear before the Executive Board of the ILGWU at its next meeting and in addition to send whatever will be helpful to the Board in the way of audits of the Council's finances or additional publications.

Notwithstanding the varied aid which we have had in 1950, we are still in need of six or seven thousand dollars to see us through to the end of this year. If the ILGWU should look favorably upon our request, we would be hopeful for help within this year, but, failing that, would be quite as grateful for a 1951 contribution.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encls.

CC (blind): Paul Williams

CC: Paul Williams

Send: _What kind of south do you want
_ Both Herald Tribune stories
_ Negro police - NEW SOUTH 1949
_ race in the news
_ Professional assns. drop the color bar
_ Honest answer
_ Condition of our rights
_ Civil rights report digest
_ Yellow jacket
_ Greenville survey

September 26, 1950

Davella Mills Foundation
630 Valley Road
Upper Montclair, New Jersey

Dear Sirs:

This is a useful organization, which solicits your aid to its slender budget.

The Council was established in 1944 as successor to the work of the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation, which became a Southwide organization in 1920. The enclosed two articles from the Herald Tribune gives a fair summary of our work. They happen to make little reference to our Home Town Self-Survey program (the kind of thing Montclair knows about!). That is best illustrated by the pamphlet on the survey made in Greenville, South Carolina. I know you won't read it all, but I call particular attention to the paragraph on page 32 beginning "All these ..."

We have had over the years, and continue to have, quite a lot of church support. The Methodists give us somewhere around $3,000.00 a year, and the Episcopalians and Southern Presbyterians lesser but still very welcome sums. The American Friends Service Committee has lately been a generous contributor. We have had substantial amounts from Jewish friends over the South, and two leading Catholic dignitaries have helped us lately with contributions of a thousand dollars each.

We have increased the proportion of our Southern support coming to us in dues and contributions, mostly of five and ten dollars, from hundreds of people, to well over half of our total budget of about $35,000.00 a year. Still, we have not been able as yet quite to close the gap left by the folding up of the Julius Rosenwald Fund, which for many years stood behind us with great generosity. Our Southern support grows so well that we think in another two or three years we can depend almost entirely on it. Meanwhile, for this present calendar

year we are still six or seven thousand dollars short of enough to meet our budget and shall be in need next year of a good number of lump-sum contributions.

I would be happy to send a copy of our last audit (for 1949) for your study. Contributions to the Council are tax exempt, as set forth in the U. S. Treasury letter to us dated July 28, 1947.

The real work of the Council is to build in the South a common citizenship regardless of race. In the present contentions, too many forces work toward the building up of a white democracy and a Negro democracy separated by bitterness and suspicion and special interest. The Council believes this to be an unsound basis for the South, and tries hard, in inconspicuous but often successful ways, to build equality and unity and inclusiveness within the South.

People near you who know about us in some detail would be Miss Marjorie Minkler, Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, or Mr. Channing Tobias, of the Phelps-Stokes Fund.

A contribution of a thousand dollars from the Davella Mills Foundation would be tremendously helpful to us in our current need.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Secretary

GSM:er

Encls.

September 27, 1950

Miss Harriett Evison, Assistant Secretary
William C. Whitney Foundation
Room 2517, 120 Broadway
New York, New York

Dear Miss Evison:

I recall with pleasure your kindness in giving me an interview the other morning in New York and Mr. Rose's generous offer to set aside time for me on his return.

The Southern Regional Council wishes to apply to the William C. Whitney Foundation for a substantial contribution to its general budget.

Our letter of January 30, 1950, set out our needs, and we are exceedingly grateful for the $1,000.00 emergency aid which the Foundation subsequently sent us.

Since our letter of January 30, we have had a number of other contributions which will be of interest to you. The Marshall Field Foundation gave us an emergency grant, and we are asking them for an additional sum in assistance of a project. The American Friends Service Committee has made us a grant, a difficult precedent for them, as they have seldom in the past aided organizations outside their own circle. Among trade unions, the United Steelworkers of America, the United Automobile Workers, and the Textile Workers Union of America have given us considerable sums, and the Georgia State Industrial Union Council has made a small contribution. We have also had large personal contributions from two leading Catholic dignitaries.

We have worked hard to increase our Southern support and already this year have brought it to considerably over half of all we have had. Attached is a chart which shows the progress we have made in getting Southern and individual support; it will be seen that, for another couple of years, we simply must have foundation aid.

The Southern Regional Council appeals, therefore, for a grant of $10,000.00.

Attached is a memorandum reviewing the Council's work and place in the South today. We are about the only force at work in the South building a common citizenship. So much that happens draws the white people and the newly enfranchised Negro people into separate camps, each whipping up loyalty to different objectives. The Council, with an eye for the growth of a sound democratic structure in the South as a whole, tried in many ways to emphasize the things which the two races have in common. This is fundamental. It has to continue to be done. If the Council were not here, this would still be attempted, but spasmodically and with little effect. We plead for the William C. Whitney Foundation's support in continuance of a going and accepted program.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

VIA AIR MAIL

Sent: What kind of south do you want
Both herald tribune stories
Negro police 1-4
Race in the news
Prof. assns drop color bar
Honest answer
Condition of our rights
Civil rights report digest
Yellow jacket
Greenville survey

September 27, 1950

Mr. Charles B. Hickox
Barker Welfare Fund
Room 1301, 70 Pine Street
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Hickox:

Our Council wishes to appeal to the Barker Welfare Fund for a grant of $1,000.00.

We are an old established interracial organization working within the South, reaching back through our predecessor agency, the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, to the period of tension just after World War One. Our work is pretty well set forth in the enclosed two articles from the Herald Tribune. It so happens that they both omit reference to our encouragement of home town self-surveys, of which a recent one at Greenville, South Carolina, was outstandingly successful. I don't expect you to read the whole pamphlet on the Greenville Survey, but call particular attention to the paragraph on page 32 beginning "All these ..."

Our financial problem in the last couple of years has been to fill the gap left by the loss of the generous annual contributions to us by the Julius Rosenwald Fund. We get a backlog of help from church organizations. The Methodists give us some $3,000.00 a year, and the Episcopalians and Southern Presbyterians tiny but official and welcome amounts. The American Friends Service Committee has given us $1,000.00 just recently. We have had many generous contributions from Jewish friends South and North, and two leading Catholic dignitaries have lately given us $1,000.00 apiece as personal contributions.

A number of foundations have helped most generously. Among them are the Phelps-Stokes Fund, Independent Aid, Inc., and the Marshall Field Foundation, which latter gave us an emergency grant of $2,500.00 earlier this year. We are asking the Field Foundation for an additional sum to finance a project.

Our continuing effort has been to build enough Southern support to

carry our budget of $35,000.00 a year. So far this year, considerably over half of all we have had has come from membership dues and sale of literature and from individual contributions of five or ten dollars from hundreds of people scattered over the South. Even so, we are still short by six or seven thousand dollars of enough to get through the year.

I would be happy to send you a copy of our last audit (that for 1949) and of the U. S. Treasury's letter to us dated July 28, 1947, establishing tax exemptions for contributions to us. Mr. Tobias at the Phelps-Stokes Fund or Mr. Hahn or Mr. Field himself would doubtless be happy to give you their estimate of the Council's usefulness.

I do greatly hope that it will be possible for the Barker Welfare Fund to aid us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

September 27, 1950

VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. Emory Ross
Foreign Missions Conference of North America
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Ross:

Many thanks for your instructive conversation the other day.

I have talked with Mr. Rufus Clement, President of Atlanta University, about the possibility of holding in Atlanta a meeting late this coming winter on African matters. Mr. Clement was enthusiastic and offered the services of Atlanta University for meeting rooms and for housing a limited number of delegates, etc. He thought it of great importance to hold such a meeting in a representative Southern city.

If the proposal seems practicable, I do hope you will be early in touch with Mr. Clement in order that dates can be worked out.

For a variety of reasons, some of which you and I discussed the other day, it seems desirable to draw together and strengthen the interest in the South in African matters. I should like to add my own and my Council's warm hope that it will be feasible to center such a meeting in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Sent: What kind of south do you want
First herald tribune story

September 27, 1950

Mrs. M. S. Ellis
17 Baltimore Place, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Ellis:

Many thanks for your call this afternoon. We sent the pamphlet and the issue of New South off to Mr. Devine.

In this brown leaflet you will find a membership blank. We would love to have you as part of the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

Sent: What kind of south do you want
2 copies home town self survey leaflet
Greenville survey
Professional associations

September 27, 1950

Mr. Thomas Devine
3509 Chestnut Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Devine:

Mrs. M. S. Ellis here in Atlanta called this afternoon and asked us to send you a copy of the enclosed two pamphlets.

She said I might also send you a leaflet promoting our Council. It has a membership blank. We would be delighted if you would become a member of the Council.

Mrs. Ellis told us that you were preparing to work out a Spartanburg survey. That is fine. If we can do anything to be helpful to you, please let us know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

September 27, 1950

Miss Rebecca Reid
20 East Calhoun Street
Sumter, South Carolina

Dear Miss Reid:

Many thanks for the notice of the Executive Board meeting October 5 and the membership meeting November 9.

I will plan to be present at the membership meeting November 9, though it is not going to be easy for me because the Council's annual meeting here in Atlanta comes November 8.

The staff over here smiles in praise whenever South Carolina is mentioned. You have all done a noble and generous job in helping the whole show.

I heard today that there is some move on foot for a survey in Spartanburg. A Mr. Tom Devine is to have something to do with it. That will be a good one to hunt down.

Greenville was a great job.

You know I have always thought that South Carolina is a strategic State. A good splash of the bravery and wisdom it possesses could show us all how to do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

September 27, 1950

Mr. Alfred Starr
Bijou Theatre
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Starr:

If over the summer you concluded to help us, our need is great now.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

September 28, 1950

Miss Dorothy Jones
Department of Sociology
Winthrop College
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Miss Jones:

It probably is not necessary, but not knowing whether or not you had seen Mr. Phifer before he left, we thought that you might like to be brought up to date on how matters stand at this end on the survey.

As you know, last June my husband and I stopped in Rock Hill with the news that the NCCJ had appropriated $500 to SRC for aid in a Rock Hill self-survey. We were awfully sorry to have missed you, but we did manage to see Mr. Phifer and discussed the whole situation with him. We were distressed to hear about his leaving Rock Hill.

Dr. Mitchell later wrote Mr. Phifer, suggesting in greater detail possible ways in which the financial arrangements might be worked out (copy attached). Before he left, Mr. Phifer wrote us that he was turning over his part in the survey to Dr. A.B. Hawkes of the First Baptist Church. Since then, Dr. Hawkes has written us that the SRC chapter in Rock Hill was to meet early in September and hoped to have something definite to report after their meeting.

You probably know all this and have been in touch with Dr. Hawkes all along, but we would appreciate your help in pushing matters along and in letting us know how plans are progressing.

One more bit of information that you might find useful. Through a Mr. James Dancy of the Detroit Urban League (and a Board Member of the NCCJ's Commission on Community Organizations, which gave us the $500) we learned that the Johnson family (Rock Hill bankers, we were told) might be helpful in the survey. Apparently, the Johnson son is a close friend of Mr. Dancy and both he and his mother were interested in the idea of a Rock Hill survey. This is a bit vague, I know -- we heard it secondhand -- but I thought you might find it a fruitful lead.

Dr. Mitchell sends you his best.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Fleming, Survey Assistant

Sent: What kind of south do you want
Both herald tribune stories
Negro police 1949
Race in the news
Professional assns drop color bar
Honest answer
Condition of our rights
Civil rights report digest
Yellow jacket
Greenville survey & New South praising it

September 28, 1950

Daniel and Florence Guggenheim Foundation
Room 3563, 120 Broadway
New York, New York

Dear Sirs:

I appeared at your office last week to present the need of our Council for aid as a non profit membership corporation engaged in beneficial work in the South. I was told that your aid had shifted away from miscellaneous contributions. Nevertheless, I appeal for some aid from the Foundation to an essential and needy cause.

We are an old established interracial organization working within the South, reaching back through our predecessor agency, the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, to the period of tension just after World War One. Our work is pretty well set forth in the enclosed two articles from the Herald Tribune. It so happens that they both omit reference to our encouragement of home town self-surveys, of which a recent one at Greenville, South Carolina, was outstandingly successful. I don't expect you to read the whole pamphlet on the Greenville survey, but call particular attention to the paragraph on page 32 beginning "All these ..."

Our financial problem in the last couple of years has been to fill the gap left by the loss of the generous annual contributions to us by the Julius Rosenwald Fund. We get a backlog of help from church organizations. The Methodists give us some $3,000.00 a year, and the Episcopalians and the Southern Presbyterians smaller but welcome sums. The American Friends Service Committee has given us just lately a generous contribution. We have had substantial gifts from Jewish friends north and south, and two leading Catholic dignitaries have lately given us $1,000.00 apiece as personal contributions.

A number of foundations have helped most generously. Among them are the Phelps-Stokes Fund, Independent Aid, Inc., and the Marshall Field Foundation, which latter gave us an emergency grant of $2,500.00 earlier this year. We are asking the Field Foundation for an additional sum to finance a project.

Our continuing effort has been to build enough Southern support to

carry our budget of $35,000.00 a year. So far this year, considerably over half of all we have had has come from membership dues, from sale of literature, and from individual contributions of five or ten dollars from hundreds of people scattered over the South. Even so, we are still short by six or seven thousand dollars of enough to get through the year.

What we are really trying to do is build in the South a common citizenship regardless of race. In the controversies and antagonisms of today, too many factors emphasize the group needs of the newly enfranchised Negro citizens and the group jealousy of white persons. Each builds a loyalty to its own cause. Few indeed are the forces which work to make a united and equal and inclusive citizenry in the South. The Council goes about it quietly, but through people who can work effectively.

I would be happy to send you a copy of our last audit (that for 1949) and of the U. S. Treasury's letter to us dated July 28, 1947, establishing tax exemption for contributions to us.

We are well along the road to complete independence of foundation support. In another couple of years, it is pretty clear, we shall be getting in enough from our friends over the South to carry the whole program alone. As yet we cannot quite make it. I do greatly hope, therefore, that the Daniel and Florence Guggenheim Foundation can see its way to aid us in this last push toward complete self-support.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

Sent: What kind of south do you want
Both herald tribune stories
Negro police - 1949
Race in the news
Professional assns drop the color bar
Honest answer
Condition of our rights
Civil reports digest
Yellow jacket
Greenville survey & New South praising it

September 28, 1950

Mr. Nathanael Whitdorn, Secretary
Newland Foundation
30 Broad Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Whitdorn:

Here is a Southern organization hard at work over many years in the field in which your foundation is interested. We are in considerable need, and I appeal for a grant of $1,000.00 from the Newland Foundation.

I could send you reams about the work we do. A bundle of pamphlets comes along with this letter. The two stories reprinted from the Herald Tribune give quite a good account. You get the flavor of it from the marked paragraph on page 32 of the pamphlet called Greenville's Big Idea.

We are careful, earnest, and, on most slender resources, influential.

As to money, we had for many years a steady backlog of aid from the Julius Rosenwald Fund. That is gone, as you know. We get substantial help from church organizations. The Methodists give us some $3,000.00 a year, and the Episcopalians and Southern Presbyterians smaller but official and welcome amounts. The American Friends Service Committee gave us a generous contribution recently. We have had substantial gifts from Jewish friends south and north, and two leading Catholic dignitaries have lately given us $1,000.00 apiece as personal contributions.

More than half of what we have had this year we have raised from within the South from dues from our 3,500-odd members, from sale of literature, and in extra contributions of five and ten dollars from our members and friends. Still, we are six or seven thousand dollars short of enough to complete for this year our (greatly reduced) budget of $35,000.00. A number of foundations have helped us with small grants. Among them are the Phelps-Stokes Fund, the Mar-

shall Field Foundation, and Independent Aid, Inc. Mr. Channing Tobias of the Phelps-Stokes Fund I am sure will be glad to advise with you as to the Council's usefulness.

Our real effort is to build a common citizenship regardless of race. In the controversies and antagonisms of today, too many factors emphasize the group needs of the newly enfranchised Negro citizens and the group jealousy of white persons. Each builds a loyalty to its own cause. Few indeed are the forces that work to make a united and equal and inclusive citizenry in the South. The Council goes about it quietly, but through people who can work effectively.

I would be happy to send a copy of our last audit (for 1949) for your study. Contributions to the Council are tax exempt, as set forth in the U. S. Treasury letter to us dated July 28, 1947.

I do greatly hope that it will be possible for the Newland Foundation to come to our aid.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

September 28, 1950

Mr. George Goodwin
The Atlanta Journal
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Goodwin:

We are most grateful for your generous check which you gave Dr. Mitchell today. It certainly does help us.

I am entering a membership in the Council for you and New South will be mailed to your home address.

With our thanks for your contribution, we also add our appreciation for your interest in the Council.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

September 28, 1950

Mr. John R. Jordan, Jr.
Department of Justice
State of North Carolina
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jordan:

Many thanks for your kind letter of September 18.

I send up separately three copies of RACE IN THE NEWS, with various other samples of our things.

You really ought to take out a membership in the Council. I send an ordinary blank (in the leaflet called What Kind of South Do You Want) and a couple of extraordinary ten-dollar blanks.

We are grateful for your praise.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

September 29, 1950

Dr. Will W. Alexander
New Hope Farm, RFD #3
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Will:

You will be happy to know that Charles Johnson's efforts with Mr. John Hay Whitney bore fruit in a $2,000 check this morning. I gather that the Board were unwilling to create the precedent of aiding another organization (I don't know why!) but that Mr. Whitney himself was sufficiently impressed with the plea of the Council (and I suppose with Dr. Johnson's support) to wish to aid us privately. Hence the check.

It helps us enormously. It so happens that Cardinal Stritch sent us a thousand ten days ago and the American Friends Service Committee gave us a thousand five days ago. So, while we are not out of the woods, we can see a little chink of daylight.

I talked to Charlton Ogburn as you suggested. He was very friendly. I have written him for some lists.

I missed Frank Graham, but will write him.

Here is a copy of Clarence Pickett's kind letter about Paul Mellon. I have sent a copy of it to Paul Williams. If it is your judgment that you could write a letter to Mellon, I would be most grateful for your doing so. My guess is that the appropriate team to see Mellon is Paul Williams and me, but it could be Paul by himself.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

September 29, 1950

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

The winged mails brought in this morning a letter from Mr. Parks of the John Hay Whitney Foundation saying things compatible with your prediction of September 20 and enclosing a life-giving check for $2,000. We are deeply grateful to Mr. Whitney and to you.

We had begun a couple of weeks ago to get out of the worst of our troubles. Cardinal Stritch gave us a thousand dollars and a week later the American Friends Service Committee sent us a thousand. Mr. Whitney's check all but clears up our current debt and sees us safely through about October 15. Paul Williams and I have many irons in the fire, and we are hopeful that they will yield the remaining amount we will need to get through the year honestly.

The Executive Committee is to meet Saturday, October 7. You remember we couldn't get a quorum for early September. We promise you a celebration if you will come. Please try to make it.

One member of our Board made the remark some months ago, "It appears that the way to keep your influence is never to use it." I thank you for using yours for us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

September 29, 1950

Mr. Earl Mayhew
U. S. Department of Agriculture
Farmers Home Administration
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Earl:

'Tis time again for the John Hay Whitney people to have and pick some more candidates.

Here are a couple of blanks.

They have written me that they would like to have some Appalachian applications.

I am sure you will be willing to do the needful, again.

Warmly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

September 29, 1950

Mr. R. D. Wellons
Pembroke State College
Pembroke, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wellons:

If some likely youngster from Pembroke would apply for one of the new Whitney fellowships, I am sure that the application would be earnestly considered.

I think what they are after is the sort of person who unassisted wouldn't get out to other parts of the country or the world and who, if afforded a year away, might quite probably develop unusual talent.

I know you helped on this last year without success, but I should think it worth another try.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

September 29, 1950

Mr. Robert C. Weaver
John Hay Whitney Foundation
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Bob:

Many thanks for the application blanks about the fellowships. I sent a couple off to my mountain friends and one to my Pembroke friends.

Mr. Parks sent us word today of Mr. Whitney's kind reception of our cause and a check for a fat, glistening $2,000.

We are very grateful indeed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

September 29, 1950

Mr. George Stephens
The Stephens Press
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear George:

I know some of the people who run the Fellowship program of the John Hay Whitney Foundation.

The program contemplates aiding a trickle of Appalachian persons. It is much like the old Rosenwald Fellowship program.

I have asked mountainy friends in Kentucky to try to get a couple of applications in. I send you one on the off-chance that you know some appropriate person in your part of the world who would be in touch with a suitable candidate.

The notion, I think, is to afford promising youngsters who otherwise wouldn't get a way at all to get a year quite elsewhere in this country or abroad in the hope that special talent would come to light.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

September 29, 1950

Mr. John Hay Whitney
630 Fifth Avenue
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Whitney:

We wish to thank you for your kindness and generosity in sending a contribution to the Southern Regional Council. It helps us a great deal to have your support, and we are indeed grateful for your interest in our work.

Your personal gift to the Council will help us to advance our program and we deeply appreciate your consideration.

Cordially and sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

September 29, 1950

Mr. Clarence E. Pickett
Honorary Secretary
American Friends Service Committee, Inc.
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Clarence:

How kind that was of you to write September 15 about Paul Mellon.

We will follow your most helpful suggestions.

The generosity of the American Friends Service Committee in helping the Council with that very large check must have been in good part your own faith in what we do. I came away from Ralph Rose and from the Meeting House grounds with some bit of the Society of Friends living in me.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 2, 1950

MEMORANDUM

Jane Fleming:

Could you lift lightly the corners of the archives about the Commission on Interracial Cooperation and get an approximate answer to the Cyclopedia's first question about when Plato Durham founded the Interracial Commission?

I don't think Plato Durham founded the Interracial Commission, though he was a big wheel.

I think the year is 1919.

But a light application of archival material would be helpful.

GSM

October 2, 1950

Miss Ellen Murray
Box 1301
Berea College
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Miss Murray:

Thank you for your letter about the Y Conference at Berea. I have been up to one or two of them, and the faculty people all know my dope, but I suppose there is a new crop of students.

I can be with you on Friday pretty much all day, and Saturday, but not Sunday. Is that all right?

I note that you will pay my expenses and try to scare up a little extra for our Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 2, 1950

Mr. Frank McCallister
Roosevelt College
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Frank:

Many thanks for your kind letter to the National Sharecroppers Fund.

We had asked them for a grant to our general budget. They came back with a letter saying that hardly suited them, as they ought to get things done for tenants and croppers. I offered them a $1500 project to publicize the idea that we could help matters a lot by tightening our State laws protecting land tenure, but went on to say 'twas very nice to do a project here and a project there, but what I really needed was money for my stem. I do hope they will help us.

Meanwhile, may I get you to do a bit of inquiring for me? I intend to apply to Fowler McCormick for a modest grant. I think that as a part of that operation I should know the name of the person at International Harvester Corporation who makes its grants. I would like to cultivate him a bit.

Can you find out who he is and how I address him?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

October 2, 1950

Mr. J. M. Tydings
Lincoln Foundation
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Tydings:

I have promised to be at Berea for some YMCA-YWCA conference Friday and Saturday, November 17 and 18. I could be anywhere else in Kentucky on the 16th or conceivably on the 20th.

If you need me anywhere else, say so. If you don't I will just go on up to Berea and come on back.

Are you alive? I hope so.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 2, 1950

Miss Mary Saran, Editor
Socialist Commentary
82 Dartmouth Road
London N.W. 2, England

Dear Miss Saran:

I fear me I have kept your letter of October 24 nearly three weeks unanswered.

I had hoped to turn in and do the article and send it to you.

I feel quite sure I can get it done by January 1 and send it off to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

October 2, 1950

Dr. D. V. Jemison
1605 Lapsley Street
Selma, Alabama

Dear Dr. Jemison:

We continue to admire your interest in the Southern Regional Council and extend our sincere thanks once again for your kindness in contributing generously to our work.

Your have helped us a great deal and we appreciate your friendship.

Our kindest regards and good wishes.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

October 2, 1950

Miss Adele J. Minahan
1930 College Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Miss Minahan:

It has just occurred to me that I slipped up in failing to send you the statement of dues returns covering those months of dues so generously given this office by your division. I am sorry and do hope it hasn't caused you a great deal of inconvenience.

We are continually in admiration for all your help and are resuming our payment of dues in September. A check should be forthcoming this week or the beginning of next.

I am somewhat in doubt as to who besides yourself and Mr. Dabbs should receive a copy of the dues returns. Should Miss Wil Lou Grey, Membership-Secretary and Miss Rebecca Reid also have copies. I will be glad to make copies for them if they should need some.

In August the following two members of the South Carolina Division resigned:

Mrs. W. S. Manning, 399 E. Main Street, Spartanburg
Miss Miriam B. Wilson, 6 Chalmers Street, Charleston 35.

Our annual meeting date has been set for November 8th. We do hope that you and many other South Carolina people can come. Notice to all the membership will be sent out in the next few weeks.

Our kindest regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

October 2, 1950

Mr. Guy Friddell
923 Kent Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Guy:

As though you hadn't enough to do, I presume to ask you to take on another interviewing errand.

The National Cyclopedia of American Biography has asked us to run down a fact or two about a now deceased minister, Plato Tracy Durham of Atlanta.

The question: In what year did he found the Commission on Church Cooperation and the Christian Council of Atlanta? During what years was he president of the latter?

I have queried various people and don't get an answer.

I now learn that his widow is living in Richmond. I haven't her accurate address, but it can be had from the Rev. Mr. B. S. Via, who himself (not Mrs. Durham) resides at the Methodist Home for the Aged in Richmond.

Do you suppose you could see out Mrs. Durham and ask her those questions and let me know?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Southern Regional Council Inc., 63 Auburn Ave NE

X

DAY LETTER - PREPAID
October 2, 1950
2:00 P.M.

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Re my letter September 29 begging your attendance Executive Committee October 7. Paul Williams postponed that meeting account no quotum until November 7.

George S. Mitchell

Charge: Southern Regional Council - WA 7963

October 2, 1950

MEMORANDUM

NORMA:

I talked to Paul Williams.

He mailed us air mail yesterday a check for a thousand dollars from Johnson and Johnson.

The letter he wrote with it urges us to call off the Executive Committee meeting on account of no quorum. He says why spend that money and haul people from distances when the Board is going to meet fairly soon anyway?

He is willing to make appointment of needed committees in lieu of having a meeting now.

So I said that's what we would do. So had you not best get off wires to those expected to come to the committee meeting saying meeting postponed until November 7. In the wire let it be the case that it is Paul Williams who postponed.

GSM

October 2, 1950

Mr. Clyde Milner, President
Guilford College
Guilford, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Milner:

A few days ago I was in Philadelphia and went around to the American Friends Service Committee to follow up on an application we had long had pending for a grant from the Committee.

I had known that the AFSC would find it difficult to assist an organization not specifically a part of their own group, but they also knew our great need. Being Friends, they found a way to fill the need and told me that if I would stay until after lunch, a decision which had been agreed to a day or so before would result in a check for a thousand dollars. I greatly enjoyed my lunch.

I want you to know of our sincere gratitude to the Friends.

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

X

COLLECT TELEGRAM

October 2, 1950
1:30 P.M.

Miss Ellen Murray
Box 1301, Berea College
Berea, Kentucky

Okay Berea November 17 and 18. Not Sunday.

George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council.

COLLECT WIRE

October 2, 1950

Mr. Donald Comer
Avondale Mills
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Comer:

At long last I have a definite plan of being in your neighborhood and ask if you will let me come to see you. I am eager for us to put our views to each other and, I hope, together.

I have to be in Talladega Sunday the 16th of October and the next day till two o'clock. I could be in Birmingham late that afternoon or that evening, or the next day.

I don't presume to try to pin you down to an indication that would hold you away from something else that might come up, but if it should happen that the 17th or 18th is a suitable time, I would enjoy some talk.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 3, 1950

Bishop Willis J. King
The Methodist Church
Monrovia, Liberia
West Africa

Dear Bishop King:

How very kind indeed that was of you to pay up all your back dues and write us so cordial a letter.

We are grateful for the dollars (which have been scarce) and for your praise.

I had a nice long talk with Mr. Reddix a month ago at Jackson. He profited greatly from his trip to Liberia. And Frank Pinder is an old friend of mine. I hear he is doing good work.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 3, 1950

Mrs. L. S. Evans
216 Princeton
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Evans:

We have a clipping from the Birmingham News which gives a story of your Jefferson County Coordinating Council of Social Forces. Of course we are very interested in this and would appreciate it if you would give us further information about it.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

DT:er

Same letter to: Mrs. Irving Cohn

Dr. Fred C. Frey

October 3, 1950

Dr. Felton G. Clark
Southern University
Baton Rouge 5, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Clark:

I find now that I will be in Little Rock on Friday, October 27, and could come to Baton Rouge for either Saturday or Monday for a meeting of the two groups in hopes of beginning a Louisiana Division. Please take this under consideration and let me know as soon as possible if such a plan is feasible at this time.

Waiting to hear from you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

LT:er

October 3, 1950

Rev. W. N. Wilke
2100 Wolfe Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Dr. Wilke:

Thank you so much for your letter of September 28 giving me the tentative dates for your meeting. I have just wired you that Friday, the 27th, will be entirely convenient for me. Please let me know by return airmail the hour of the meeting, as it will have a bearing on my travel reservations.

I think your two subjects for discussion are timely and possibly will take up the time of the meeting. Of course you will have some time for business, and there should be a committee appointed to formulate your policies and program.

Looking forward to meeting you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

DT:er

October 3, 1950

Mr. William E. Cole
Department of Sociology
University of Tennessee
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Cole:

You haven't answered my letter of August 24 about 50 for '51.

I hesitate to push you because you might answer No. But I do wish you would take it on. You could do the job.

Mississippi is rolling, Georgia is rolling, South Carolina is rolling, Alabama is wobbling to a roll. Tennessee, ?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 3, 1950

Dr. J. L. Clark
1421 West 14th Street
Huntsville, Texas

Dear Dr. Clark:

You have been a faithful member of the Council since its very beginning. I know from friends that you carry a lot of weight over the State.

The Council has a problem of getting done in Texas what most of the other States are doing about our 1951 financing. You will see from the enclosed what the plan is. It is simple, and it looks as if it is going to work. The problem so far as this office is concerned is to find a man in each State who will take on the job of pushing it through in the State. Obviously, we cannot handle the correspondence with so many individuals from here.

In matters of program I ordinarily turn to Mrs. Crate and the Texas Interracial Commission. As you know, they are affiliated with the Council, and Mrs. Crate is kind and prompt about doing this or that that is helpful in matters of information or action. But the Texas Commission has its own budget to raise and must not confuse that task with this Council's needs.

I wrote to Mr. W. R. Banks at Prairie View and asked him to take on being the chairman of such an effort in Texas. He said that though he was retired he had taken on two other fund-raising jobs and couldn't.

It mostly means calling a meeting of people who could be effective and influential and getting them to make up then and there short lists of other people who would themselves be some of the fifty. Then there is the matter of distributing leaflets and return envelopes and writing an occasional encouraging letter.

I am brash to ask if you could take on the job. If you can't (and I warmly hope you can) whom can you name that would and that would do it well?

I realize that the Council, centered as it is way over here in Atlanta, doesn't do a lot of direct good in Texas. But we would like to do much more and to have many more Texas members. If we can strengthen the money support we get from the South, all indications are that we can be strong enough to spread more into the Southwest. We have a new Division in Arkansas and I think we will quite soon have one in Louisiana.

I would be quite happy to come over to Texas to talk with you or with others this Fall with a view to getting the thing going.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

October 3, 1950

Mr. John H. Slocum
Director of Education
Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union
9 Union Square West
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Slocum:

Morris Abram enjoyed talking to your group when it met in Atlanta. He found them, he said, an unusually interesting and interested audience. I know they found him a good guy.

My needy Council is just at these moments on the grid with Stuart Meacham and the Sidney Hillman Fund for a grant. May I bespeak your help to our cause?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 3, 1950

Mr. Lawrence Rogin
Textile Workers Union of America
99 University Place
New York, New York

Dear Larry:

Is there some step I should take toward fishing out the check for a hundred that TWUA was so kindly to send us for my small part in the Institute? We are not yet broke, but every hundred helps. As to travel, it would be simply the standard mileage to Black Mountain and back. Should I turn in some sort of voucher?

I hope I stirred things enough and not too much. But tell me.

I had a good time and enjoyed the company.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 3, 1950

Mr. Paul Christopher
22 Circle Hill Drive
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

You will have heard that several fine CIO Internationals, touched with grace, have sent good big checks to the Southern Regional Council. The Steelworkers sent a thousand, the Textile Workers sent five hundred, the Auto Workers five hundred.

We have ambitions to achieve a goodly check from the ILGWU.

I have talked with a few people in ILG and have a proper letter before them to be considered by their Board, etc. We don't know when next their Board meets, but no time quite soon.

The ILG in New York will certainly and properly query John Martin as to what kind of an outfit this SRC is.

I have a pleasant acquaintance with Mrs. Martin from service with her on the Board of the Georgia Workers Education Service, and Mr. Martin and I have doubtless met, but no more.

Can you tell me anybody I know who would be helpful in convincing Mr. Martin that we are good eggs? If you can do the job, sic 'em. If somebody else, say who.

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 3, 1950

Mr. John Dickson
National Cyclopedia of American Biography
101 Fifth Avenue
New York 3, New York

Dear Mr. Dickson:

We have not forgotten your request of July 26, for certain information about Plato Tracy Durham.

This much I can now state assuredly: Plato Durham was one of the small number of principal founders in 1919 of the movement (at first called the Southern Interracial Commission) which later on became the Commission on Interracial Cooperation.

As to his work on the Commission on Church Cooperation and the Christian Council of Atlanta, I am resorting to a Richmond friend to interview Mr. Durham's widow, who still lives in that city, and shall let you know as soon as I have that information.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 3, 1950

Mr. Ralph A. Rose
American Friends Service Committee
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Rose:

I am glad I had an opportunity in Philadelphia to tell you in person how deeply the Council appreciates the American Friends Service Committee gift of a thousand dollars to the Council.

It helped us very greatly as money, and will continue to help us straight along as sustaining evidence of your friendship.

I have marked on my calendar that you and Mr. Barrett are to be here at the turn of the month. We all look forward to seeing you both.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

AIR MAIL

October 3, 1950

Sister M. Clement, Dean
Incarnate Word College
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Sister Clement:

The College very kindly invited our Council to be represented at the dedicatory exercises of the new Science Hall November 3.

I have been looking over our membership in San Antonio and thought that Miss A. Bowden, Dean of St. Philip's Branch of San Antonio Junior College, would be the natural choice of a representative for the Council.

I don't happen to know Miss Bowden, and wish to be certain that the Council's representative would be entirely suitable to the purposes of the occasion.

We could, if it would be preferred, request Father John M. Hayes to represent us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 3, 1950

Mr. J. M. Tydings
Lincoln Foundation
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Tydings:

I am wrong about possibility of being in Kentucky on the 16th. I am to be in New York that day. But I will be at Berea definitely on the 18th and 19th and could be around for anything needful on the 20th. But Monday is a bad day for anything to happen.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Southern Regional Council, Inc. 63 Auburn Ave, NE

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October 3, 1950
9:30 A.M.

Rev. W. W. Wilke
1020 Ringo
Little Rock, Arkansas

Friday October 27th is convenient for me. Letter follows.

Dorothy Tilly
Southern Regional Council

Charge to: Southern Regional Council, WA 7963

Same letter to all others in Mr. Schaeffer's letter.

Enclosed: What Kind of South Do You Want
Green leaflet
Return envelope

October 3, 1950

Mrs. John C. Greene
Alcorn A & M College
Alcorn, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Greene:

We would greatly like to have you as a Sustaining Member of the Southern Regional Council. Here is a leaflet that tells about the Council in general and another that describes the present campaign to bring in additional Sustaining Members (plus a mail-back envelope).

Our members in Mississippi are doing useful work. They and we greatly need your help.

The Mississippi Division of the Council will hold its membership meeting October 26 at the YWCA at Jackson -- 10:30 A.M. You will be very welcome as a new member of the Council and of the Mississippi Division.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

October 3, 1950

Rev. H. Brent Schaeffer
1525 Robinson Street
Jackson 3, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Schaeffer:

Many thanks for your letter of September 30 about the people at Alcorn. We have written each of them this letter, enclosing a What Kind of South Do You Want and a 50 for '51 leaflet and a return Sustaining Membership envelope.

I have written Mr. Otis also as enclosed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

October 3, 1950

Mr. J. R. Otis, President
Alcorn A & M College
Alcorn, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Otis:

Mr. Schaeffer wrote me about your very kind suggestion as to a number of people at Alcorn whom we might ask to become members of the Council.

I have written each of them as enclosed, sending along the brown pamphlet, the green leaflet, and the return envelope.

I recall with much pleasure my visit to Alcorn and the opportunity to share in your plans for its continuing growth.

My friend Harry Wright, now in New York, whom I saw the other day, told me he was in some way kin to you.

Many thanks for the help. I hope a lot of them will join.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

CC: H. Brent Schaeffer

October 4, 1950

Miss Sylvia Presser
Information Department
National Publicity Council for Health
and Welfare Services, Inc.
257 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Presser:

We should be greatly pleased to have our self-survey Manual included or listed in the portfolios which you are preparing for schools of social work. However, our present supply of the Manual is temporarily out of print. We are now preparing a revised and simplified version which is to be printed rather than mimeographed. We hope to have this new edition available in the near future.

In the meantime, if the Manual can be listed in the portfolio, fine. In any case, we shall see that you receive the three (3) copies you requested just as soon as they are available.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Fleming
Survey Assistant

October 4, 1950

Mr. Robert J. Dixon
Johnson & Johnson
2 Wall Street
New York 5, New York

Dear Mr. Dixon:

We are extremely grateful to Johnson & Johnson for their contribution to the Southern Regional Council. It has helped us a great deal.

I am enclosing our formal receipt and ask that you please extend our thanks to your company for their kindness.

We appreciate your continued interest in our work and hope that you will call on us if we can be of service.

Our sincere thanks.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

October 4, 1950

Miss Ellen B. Armstrong
906 Lullwater Road
Atlanta 6, Georgia

Dear Miss Armstrong:

We recently entered a membership for Mrs. Mildred B. Corbett of Saint Louis, Missouri.

In the note which accompanied her membership she stated that she was joining the Council because of interest in some literature you had sent her.

We are very happy to have Mrs. Corbett a Council member and we are extremely grateful for your own active interest in our work. Please except our thanks for your kindness.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

October 4, 1950

Mr. Philip Widenhouse
287 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Widenhouse:

Mr. Fred Brownlee, your predecessor has suggested we write you and invite you to join the Southern Regional Council. In the event that you may not be familiar with our work, I am enclosing a pamphlet which describes the Council and contains a membership blank.

Through an arrangement with Mr. Brownlee and the Board of Home Missions, we have been sending him twenty-five copies of our publication, New South, which Mr. Brownlee distributed to friends and acquaintances of the Board of Home Missions.

New South is $1.50 per year for a single subscription. We should be glad to have the same agreement with you if you would like. I also enclose a recent issue of New South.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

October 4, 1950

Mrs. William C. White
The Methodist Parsonage
Okeechobee, Florida

Dear Mrs. White:

Many thanks for your card. We were delighted to have a stroke of good luck which enabled us to send you the Florida Division dues check. You can imagine how it has eased our consciences.

Our annual meeting date is November 8th at 10:00 a.m. We will be very happy to see you and I will be glad to take care of hotel reservations if you wish.

I cannot understand why you have not heard from Mr. Gibbs. It seems that your only recourse is to telephone him and get some action. Let us know if we can help you with the meeting. Finances permitting, we would like to send someone from this office.

All send greetings.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

October 4, 1950

Dr. Will W. Alexander
New Hope Farm, RFD #3
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Will:

I find that Paul Williams is writing to Paul Mellon himself for an appointment.

So if you have not written to Paul Mellon, it would seem to me unnecessary to do so.

If you have, I shouldn't expect any upsetting conflict.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

P.S. You were going to review a list of the former trustees of the Rosenwald Fund and tell us which ones we need not cultivate.

GSM:er

October 4, 1950

Dr. Guy Johnson
Box 652
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Guy:

I am coming to North Carolina next week. I expect to get to Chapel Hill in the midweek, though I can't yet say exactly what day.

I will search for you and hope for talk about the North Carolina Division and 50 for '51 and all sorts of things.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 4, 1950

Dr. Howard W. Odum
Institute for Research
in Social Science
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Odum:

I have been slow about sending the copies of the leaflet because we were out and I had to have them reprinted. They are being mailed today, together with twenty copies of the longer leaflet, What Kind of South Do You Want, which may be useful here or there.

I am very grateful to you for whatever your good purposes may be.

I expect to be in North Carolina during the coming week and shall of course come to Chapel Hill, and hope to catch you there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 4, 1950

Miss Isabella Palais
Ecusta Paper Company
P. O. Box 200
Pisgah Forest, North Carolina

Dear Miss Palais:

I am planning a North Carolina trip for the week beginning October 9.

Is it possible that I could see Mr. Straus on one of the days of that week?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 4, 1950

M r. Richard Anliot, Executive Secretary
Committee on Discrimination in Higher Education
American Council on Education
744 Jackson Place, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Anliot:

We are sorry for the delay in answering this questionnaire, occasioned by Dr. Mitchell's absence from the office.

We have checked the questionnaire with a view toward what would be most useful here in the South. As you know, our difficulties are compounded here by the framework of segregation, but there has been an encouraging crumbling around the edges, particularly in the graduate schools of the border states. The recent Supreme Court decisions will help immeasurably to speed the inevitable process along.

Any information and publicity which can be spread in the South on the whole subject of discrimination in higher education will be of great help in furthering understanding, acceptance, and decent action. We will be most interested in the program your Committee decides to adopt and will be happy to offer our cooperation in whatever way you think may be helpful.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Fleming
Research Assistant

Encl.

October 4, 1950

Dr. James A. Crane
222 Downing Street
Indianapolis, Indiana

My dear Dr. Crane:

This letter makes a plea for the Disciples to consider adding to their budget an item to aid the Southern Regional Council.

I could send you reams about what the Council is and does. It is all put most briefly in the brown map covered leaflet called What Kind of South Do You Want? More extensively in these two good stories from the Herald Tribune. More extensively still in a memorandum attached to this letter.

We are the one force at work in the South which has friendly cooperation from all races and all religious groups.

We have from the beginning had close links with the Churches. Indeed, most of what we get done is done through the help of ministers and church people.

We have always had as a fairly important source of income, contributions from central church bodies. The Methodist Church, through one Board or another, gives us each year around three thousand dollars. The Province of Sewanee of the Protestant Episcopal Church affords us a minute sum each year, but what they give is one-third of all the Province has to give away. The Board of Women's Work of the (Southern) Presbyterian Church makes a tiny contribution, and now that they have reorganized their home missions activities we are applying to them for quite a substantial annual gift. For the last couple of years, two leading Roman Catholic dignitaries have made us very substantial personal contributions. This year the American Friends Service Committee gave us a thousand dollars, notwithstanding the rarity with which they have helped any causes outside their own group.

Church aid is more important to us now than ever before. As

long as the Rosenwald Fund existed, we had from it each year a generous $25,000.00. The replacement of that is terribly difficult. We have begged in during 1950 from Southern members and friends, in five and ten dollar amounts, nearly $10,000.00. But with that, plus seven or eight thousand in some foundation grants and what the Churches have given us, we are still six or seven thousand dollars short of enough to meet our most modest budget of $35,000.00 this year.

The Disciples are active throughout the South in many of the fields which the Council works in. And I am sure that the temper and intent of your Church and of the Council are close kin.

Mr. Harrison McMains here in Atlanta has been a devoted and sustaining friend of the Council and its work for a long time.

I am aware that a simple letter will not achieve an allocation to the Council. But I put in the request and offer whatever may be useful to the Church in the way of budgets or publications or audits. I would be most happy also to come to Indianapolis to talk with you or with any appropriate Board.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

Send:

Both Herald Tribune Stories
What Kind of South Do You Want
Yellow jacket

October 5, 1950

Mr. Harold C. Letts
Board of Social Missions
United Lutheran Church in America
231 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Letts:

Our Southern Regional Council, which you know more or less about, is mighty hard up for funds. We used to depend heavily on the Rosenwald Fund, and that is gone. We are trying to get various church bodies to pick up some part of that help.

A good many national churches do help us already; some of them give substantially.

Can you tell me whom 'mongst the Lutherans I should write in order to begin the matter of an appeal?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

October 5, 1950

Mrs. S. W. Fariss, Jr.
c/o City Hall
LaFayette, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Fariss:

Mrs. H. H. Leech has written us about the proposed formation of a LaFayette Citizens' Council and the possibility of its undertaking a community survey as one of its first projects. She has asked us to send you material on planning and organizing such a survey.

Enclosed here is a small leaflet which briefly describes the technique of the self-survey, done by citizens themselves rather than by professional "experts". Our experience has shown us that this kind of survey is the most effective, not only in discovering community problems but also in insuring civic interest and follow-up action.

In the attached envelope, we are sending you a copy of our Manual for the Home Town Self-Survey, and reports of two highly successful self-surveys carried out in Jacksonville, Florida, and Greenville, South Carolina.

Unfortunately, the copy of the Manual is incomplete, since our present supply has been temporarily exhausted. You will notice that pages are missing from the Introduction and the section on Education. However, the copy I send should give you a good idea of the ways in which the Manual can be used and adapted to the needs of an individual community. A survey can use the entire Manual or just certain sections of it. And the questionnaires can be simplified or expanded according to local needs.

A revised and simplified version of the Manual is now being prepared for printing, and it should be available in the near future. In the meantime, we should be glad to help you in working out whatever questionnaires you need for your survey.

In both the Greenville and Jacksonville surveys, you will notice that only the Negro community was covered. Both cities felt that a survey

of the entire community, although preferable, would be too large an undertaking and that it would be better to begin with the section of the community presenting the most acute problems. The stories of both these surveys, though, should give you a graphic picture of the way a successful self-survey can be organized and carried out.

In several smaller communities that we have advised, where size was not such a problem, self-surveys have included the whole community, often extending to take in the entire county as well. This, I understand, would be the plan in LaFayette.

Best wishes for the success of your plans. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance to you in planning and organizing your survey.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Fleming
Survey Assistant

cc: Mrs. H. H. Leech

October 5, 1950

Mr. Lawrence Rogin
Textile Workers Union of America
99 University Place
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Rogin:

Dr. Mitchell is out of the office this afternoon, and asked me to write you for him to thank you for the check, which arrived on the noon mail.

Your letter crossed Dr. Mitchell's of yesterday, and we are very sorry that we did not refrain from writing you for another day. Our apologies.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rogers
Secretary to Dr. Mitchell

October 5, 1950

Dr. Will W. Alexander
New Hope Farm, RFD #3
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Will:

This from Charlton Ogburn is not particularly helpful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

CC: Dr and Mrs. W. G. Hollister ✓

Enclose:

What Kind of South Do You Want
Both Herald Tribune stories
Memorandum

October 5, 1950

American Unitarian Association
45 Beacon Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear The Unitarians:

Here is a useful Southern organization much in need. I know it will take some time to unravel all that would be required to get some financial help from the Church, but I would like to put in this letter to ask for us to be thought about.

I could send you reams about the Council. For convenience, here is a leaflet, What Kind of South Do You Want, with a little, and a couple of good newspaper stories with more, and a fresh memorandum with a lot.

We had a backlog of support for many years from the Julius Rosenwald Fund. Ordinarily it was about $25,000.00 a year. That is gone, as you know. We have always had an important amount reaching us from some of the national Church bodies. The Methodists put in nearly $3,000.00 a year. The Southern Presbyterians and the Southern part of the Episcopal Church give us small but welcome amounts. We have had substantial personal support from two leading Catholic dignitaries. This year the American Friends Service Committee has unprecedentedly helped this non-Quaker organization.

We are at work at many of the things which the Unitarians in their slender Southern membership are also at work upon.

I would be grateful for reference of this letter to whatever Board would be appropriate and for word from them as to when and how I should get our case before you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

October 5, 1950

Mrs. Irving H. Cohn
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

Sorry I have been so slow about getting off to you the ten copies of the March New South. They are in the mails now.

The UNESCO pronouncement exists to my knowledge in this form. Let me know what you find out about availability of the statement and I will consider whether we can get it out to all the members.

You are on to a most promising thing about the schools. We will be eager for news. I should think New Orleans could very well point the way for all the rest of the South.

Better news on money things here lately. We have taken in five thousand dollars in the last two weeks in thousands and two thousands. AFSC gave us one. Cardinal Stritch gave us another. John Hay Whitney sent us two thousand. And a big textile firm sent us another. We have still other irons in the fire, but will need six or seven thousand more to round out the year. Still, it is luxury to pay our debts and to have money in the bank for meeting the next payroll.

You will have seen that Mrs. Tilly is to attend a meeting of the Arkansas Division at Little Rock October 27. If her trip can be used to further the project for a Louisiana Division, that will be helpful.

The CIO education people hinted to me the other day that they would ask me to come to a New Orleans meeting in December. My mouth waters.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

October 5, 1950

Mr. Lawrence L. Koch
American Jewish Committee
318 Tyler Building
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Lawrence:

I am sorry to lose you as a friend at court.

Write me what you decide to do and where you will be. I shouldn't like to lose so pleasant a friendship.

If the Council can help the new man or the Committee in any way, you know we will wish to.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

October 5, 1950

Mr. Donald Comer
Avondale Mills
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Comer:

My home is only a matter of blocks from Emory. I will be at home from two o'clock on that afternoon and will hope for you to arrive.

If you care to call me from Emory at my home number, DEarborn 5961, I will be delighted to come up to Emory and get you. Otherwise, the house is 906 Lullwater Road.

I remember with much pleasure your visit when we lived in Arlington, and look forward to having you at our home here.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

October 5, 1950

Mr. Charles G. Gomillion
Box 31
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Gomillion:

That is a grand letter you sent out to the Alabama members.

Thank you greatly for it.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

CC: Mr. A. D. Beittel

October 5, 1950

Mrs. H. H. Leech
P. O. Box 56
LaFayette, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Leach:

We were most interested in your recent letter inquiring about a community survey in LaFayette, and we will be glad to help the Citizens' Council in this project in whatever way we can.

As you requested, we have written Mrs. Fariss (copy enclosed) and have sent her our material on surveys. The small leaflet which I also enclose briefly describes the kind of survey, the <u>self</u>-survey, which experience has proved the most effective in other Southern communities.

We will be happy to help you in any way you wish. Please do not hesitate to let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Fleming
Survey Assistant

Encl.

October 6, 1950

Mr. Charlton Ogburn
68 William Street
New York 5, New York

Dear Mr. Ogburn:

Thank you for your letter. Do have us in mind and when you see any way to put us in touch with someone who could help, let us know.

I am satisfied that the expectation of the Negro community in Atlanta about the lawsuit is equal facilities. The banner of Abolish Segregation is raised over the fight, but the fight is the old one.

The Council has made no pronouncement, and I cannot speak for it. But my own view is that what has occurred in graduate and professional education has been wholesome; some breaks in undergraduate education will be helpful; but it is as yet a good deal too soon for it to be wise for the secondary schools to open.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 6, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Williams:

This is just a brief reminder that you are to be the Council's representative at the inauguration of Mr. Daniel as President of Virginia State College at Petersburg on October 14, 10:30 A.M. You are supposed to bring your own academic regalia.

Sincerely,

Beth Rogers
Secretary to Dr. Mitchell

CC: Mrs. M. E. Tilly

October 6, 1950

Mrs. W. S. DeBusk
Tusculum Boulevard
Greeneville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. DeBusk:

Thank you very much for your letter of October 3.

What has usually occurred when one of the conferences sends in its $25.00 is a request from us to the Christian Social Relations and local Church Activities Secretary for the names of her officers she wishes to have receive the Council's magazine, New South, and its other publications. Sometimes this has been three, sometimes five or six. We enter a complimentary subscription to each such person and renew it so long as she holds office and the conference continues to support us.

It has not been necessary for the various officers to become dues-paying members of the Council. If they did so, the cost would be $3.00 a year each.

I should say the thing to do would be for your conference to make us its appropriation again this year and for you to send us a list of the persons you want to have receive New South and any other publications. Eleven or twelve is rather more than has been usual and perhaps on that account it might be possible for the conference to make its contribution this year five or ten dollars larger than what it was before. But that is not necessary, and we will be happy to enter subscriptions for all your District Secretaries in any case.

The conferences which helped us in 1949 were Louisville, Kentucky; Kentucky; Mississippi; Holston; Tennessee; Alabama, and North Carolina. Of these, all but the Louisville, Kentucky and the Holston Conferences renewed their aid this year, and the Memphis Conference contributed for the first time. In addition to all of these, the North Georgia and the South Georgia Conferences make their contributions through the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation,

which is the Georgia affiliate of the Southern Regional Council.

Nearly all the conferences give us $25.00 a year. The Tennessee Conference has given $40.00 each time.

We cherish particularly the help we get from the conferences of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. It relates us in a special way to people who get things done.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

CC: Mr. W. W. Gibbs
Mrs. Jane P. Fleming

Enclose:

2 copies Professional issue of New South
What Kind of South Do You Want

October 6, 1950

Mr. Cody Fowler
Tampa, Florida

Dear Mr. Fowler:

We were pleased to see notice of your election as head of the American Bar Association. That is a distinguished honor.

Doubtless you will have seen this recent issue of our Council's small magazine. Perhaps it can be useful to you as you work with various Southern State Bar Associations.

We would be delighted if you would become a member of the Council. You will find a membership blank toward the end of the brown leaflet with the map. I am sure you will know Mr. Gibbs in Miami, who is the present Chairman of the Florida Division and of course Mr. R. P. Daniel, of Jacksonville, who was Chairman until this year. In Tampa, among many members, I recall as a particularly warm friend, Mr. G. D. Rogers.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

October 6, 1950

Rev. John M. Hayes
Incarnate Word College
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Father Hayes:

We are honored by an invitation for the Southern Regional Council to be represented at the dedication of the Science Hall November 3.

We are insufficiently rich to send anyone from our staff, much as we would wish to, and I turn therefore to you as a good member of the Council with the request that you be so very kind as to be the Southern Regional Council's representative for the occasion.

If you can accept, perhaps you will be kind enough to complete the enclosed card and hand it to Sister M. Clement or other appropriate person.

We would appreciate word from you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

October 6, 1950

Mr. W. M. Taylor
R F & P Railroad Company
Broad Street Station
Richmond 20, Virginia

Re: Desk E, File 157-A

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Thank you for your letter of October 4.

My return trip to Atlanta was September 22 on the Silver Comet. The Comet by its schedule would have left Washington around 5 P.M.

You are correct in your conclusion that I used the original ticket of SAL issue for the round trip Atlanta to Richmond and Richmond to Atlanta. Parenthetically and unimportantly, but as a matter of fact, I rode the ACL from Petersburg to Richmond, but shan't bother the SAL about that small ticketed journey I did not take on their line.

I surrendered on the R F & P line between Richmond and Washington on my northbound journey September 19, the round trip Richmond to Washington to Richmond portion of the R F & P ticket I bought at Broad Street Station September 18; and, as I surrendered, I have not that document on which to base a claim for reimbursement, and I do not claim it. I claim only reimbursement for the unused Washington to Richmond portion of that R F & P ticket (plus the 58¢ or whatever about the seat).

Sorry for so much trouble to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

CC: Jane Fleming

Enclosed: 2 Greenville surveys
4 Survey leaflets

October 6, 1950

Miss Marjorie M. Cannon
329 East 87th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Miss Cannon:

It was mighty nice of you to write. We had rather have your friendly interest than ten dollars.

There has been a little discussion of a home town self-survey in Spartanburg like the one in Greenville. The Greenville one has done worlds of good. If you have friends in Spartanburg who can explore the idea there, I do wish you would write them. I send a couple of extra Greenville surveys to you.

We look for you back.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

October 6, 1950

Mr. John Ramsey
CIO Organizing Committee
79½ Poplar Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear John;

Maybe this can help some with the problem you are interested in about a pamphlet.

I am at your service for conversation at any time as to policy or materials.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

October 6, 1950

Mr. Bernard M. Cannon
366 Alexander Avenue
Spartanburg, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Cannon:

I am planning to be in North and South Carolina all next week and therefore wouldn't be here for your visit to Atlanta, for which I am sorry.

I think I can promise to be in Spartanburg Monday afternoon, October 9. As I am driving, I don't know just when, but probably by three o'clock. I could try to find 366 Alexander Avenue and will do so unless you give me other directions.

I will be leaving home Monday morning. My home telephone is Dearborn 5961. Home address, 906 Lullwater Road. Over the week end I will be at home rather than the office, of course.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Enclosed: Yellow jacket

October 6, 1950

Miss Mary Frayser
Winthrop College
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Miss Mary:

I am so glad you are coming to Atlanta and so sorry that by present plans I am to be in North Carolina the whole of the week you are to be here. A misery, for I would love to talk with you.

You will be most welcome at the office, 63 Auburn Avenue, where Mr. Fleming or Mrs. Huff or some of the others would like to exchange general information and Rock Hill information with you.

Mrs. Turman's address and phone are 37 Camden Road, N.E., ATwood 0781; husband's initials, R. L. Lucy Mason lives at 783 Myrtle Street, N.E., and her phone is VErnon 5566. We have sent your letters on to Mrs. Turman and Miss Mason.

I have so few links with Richmond that I cherish especially that link through you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. Mrs. Huff, our Secretary-Treasurer, would wish to be present at some of the library meetings next week. Object: to make our SRC publications known to the librarians. If you can befriend her, I will be grateful for it.

GSM:er
Encl.

Same letter also sent to:

Miss Lerline White
Station A, Box 48
M. S. C.
Hattiesburg, Miss.

Mr. L. C. Clark
3102 Pearl Street
Hattiesburg, Miss.

October 6, 1950

Mr. Millard McCraw
301 Williams Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Mr. McCraw:

Thank you for your letter requesting a copy of the "Manual for the Home Town Self-Survey".

In the attached envelope, we are sending you the Manual, reports on two highly successful self-surveys carried out in Jacksonville, Florida, and Greenville, S.C., and a small leaflet which briefly describes the self-survey technique in general.

Unfortunately, the copy of the Manual is incomplete, since our present supply has been temporarily exhausted. (You will notice that a few pages are missing from the Introduction and the sections on Recreation and Education.) However, the copy we are sending is full enough to give you a good idea of the flexible way in which the Manual can be used in different communities. A survey can use the entire Manual, or just certain sections of it. The questionnaires can be simplified or expanded according to local needs. And the survey can cover the entire community, as has been done in several smaller places, or just the Negro community, as was done in the larger cities of Jacksonville and Greenville.

We are now preparing a revised version of the Manual for printing and it should be available in the near future.

The short reports of the Jacksonville and Greenville surveys will give you a clear picture of the effective way this kind of survey brings about real community improvement.

Please let us know if we can help you further.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Fleming
Survey Assistant

Enclosed:

5 What Kind of South
3 Yellow jackets
Negro Police - Sept. 1949
Mobile Violence
~~Recommendation for action~~ Honest Answer
Professional Assns.
Three Decisions

October 6, 1950

Chairmen
Campus Council on Intergroup Relations
University of Miami
P. O. Box 576
Coral Gables 46, Florida

Dear Folks:

Many thanks for your interesting letter of September 20.

I have had the pleasure of being on your campus a couple of times and working with your faculty people in human relations. You will find that they have a pretty complete file of the publications of the Southern Regional Council. They are also (very kindly) repositories of some membership blanks in our Council, and we would love to have any of your people to fill them out. I send you some directly herewith.

The Council has a goodish membership in the Miami area and I am sure they would like to join with you in development of your program.

I send you some back issues of our public tions and beg you to subscribe at $1.50 a year.

You and we are trying to do much the same job. Do let us work closely together.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

October 6, 1950

Mr. W. W. Gibbs
Ingraham Building
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Gibbs:

We had a mimeographed letter from Irwin Block and Thomas R. Norwalk, co-chairmen of the Campus Council on Intergroup Relations at the University of Miami. Address: P. O. Box 516, University Branch, Miami 46, Florida.

They said their new organization was an official agency of the Students Association. It is really the outgrowth of the good work of the Department of Human Relations at the University.

They wanted us to send them our publications and generally tell them who we were.

I wrote them and said their own Department of Human Relations people knew us intimately and for them to get in touch with them. I also told them we had a goodish membership in Miami and that our members would doubtless wish to work with the Campus Council in the development of program.

I send you this for your information.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 6, 1950

Mr. Bernard M. Cannon
366 Alexander Avenue
Spartanburg, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Cannon:

Since writing you this morning, Dr. Mitchell has found that he will not be able to leave Atlanta until Monday afternoon.

He has asked me to write you that he will be in Spartanburg at eight or nine o'clock Monday night and, unless he has word from you, will look you up at that time.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rogers
Secretary to Dr. Mitchell

October 6, 1950

Miss Caroline Gillespie
Route 3
Hartsville, South Carolina

Dear Caroline Gillespie:

The news in your letter to Dr. Mitchell this morning was most exciting. We are so glad that everything has worked out so well. You must feel great satisfaction at seeing your plans materialize so successfully after all the long work and planning.

Both Harold and I were sorry we missed you when we stopped in Hartsville last June, but we thoroughly enjoyed meeting and talking with Mr. Martin. We certainly thought that you had left your work in good hands. It is wonderful that he is to be your Finance Chairman.

We think that the story of the project would make an excellent piece for a forthcoming issue of NEW SOUTH. Since Dr. Mitchell is to try to see you in Hartsville next week, you and he can discuss the kind of write-up it should be and what should go into it. It might be a good idea to give him all the dope for the article while he is there. But if it is not ready or available then, you could always send it to us later.

Best from both of us.

Sincerely,

Jane Fleming

October 9, 1950

Miss Leslie Syron
Department of Sociology
Meredith College
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Miss Syron:

I can promise to be in Raleigh and at Meredith Thursday morning at 8:25 in the Arts Building to teach Dr. Vaughn's class at 8:30 and, if you wish, yours at 9:30.

Many thanks for your check.

I look forward to being at Meredith.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

VIA AIR MAIL

Sent:

30 What Kind of South Do You Want
20 ~~30~~ 50 for 51 leaflets
30 ~~20~~ return envelopes

October 9, 1950

Rabbi Samuel Glasner
1124 Prince Street
Athens, Georgia

Dear Rabbi Glasner:

We had a delightful time in the company of your family last evening.

Here are some copies of our standard promotion leaflet. I send also some of the leaflets and return envelopes that go with our 50 for 51 campaign. The object there is to find in each State fifty persons, each of whom will get us ten new ten-dollar members before or, if need be, during 1951.

We will be extremely grateful for whatever you find it possible to stir up.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

October 9, 1950

Mrs. Chris A. Johnson
1020 East Brainard Street
Pensacola, Florida

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

We are glad to have the opportunity to send New South to the officers of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council, Diocese of Florida.

Two of the people whom you checked on your stationary are already receiving New South. We have entered subscriptions for you and Mrs. Matherly. If you think one or two of the other officers would care to have subscriptions, please let me know.

Our thanks again for your interest in the Council,

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

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Southern Regional Council-63 Auburn
AVE, NE - WA 7963

NIGHT LETTER
4:00 P.M.
October 9, 1950

October

Bacon Pamphlet Service, Inc.
139 Woodbury Road
Huntington, New York

Order C-6870 shipped September 27 Railway Express. Being traced

from Atlanta office Railway Express.

Southern Regional Council

Charge: Southern Regional Council, WA 7963

October 9, 1950

Mrs. Moses Cantor
Piney Grove Park
Johnson City, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Cantor:

We have sent you and Mrs. Crohn and Mrs. Black material on the Southern Regional Council. I can easily go to Morristown the day before (the 31st) or on the 2nd, but let me know as soon as possible the date you select.

Looking forward to being with you, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly

DT:er

October 9, 1950

Mr. Jesse H. Jones
Lamar Hotel
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Jones:

At the request of Miss Catherine Lubbock-Evans, we are sending you a pamphlet describing the Southern Regional Council.

We extend our cordial invitation to you to become a member of the Council. A membership blank is provided at the back of the pamphlet.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

Sent:

What Kind of South Do You Want
Honest Answer
Professional Associations
Negro Police
Churches Speak
Race in the News

October 10, 1950

Mr. S. M. Esler
P. O. Box 2036
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Mr. Esler:

My friend Louis Hosch wrote me of his enjoyment of his conversation with you some days ago in Chicago.

I send you two or three things about our Council and invite you first of all to join it, but, more importantly, to help us plan on the right course in the South today.

Our best thinking so far, I suppose, is in the leaflet called "An Honest Answer in the Civil Rights Controversy." We are getting up another statement now in preparation for the annual meeting in November.

Do let us hear from you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absnece

October 10, 1950

Mr. Louis E. Hosch
Executive Secretary
National Association of
Intergroup Relations Officials
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Louis:

How very kind of you to send me all the dope about Mr. Esler.

I will write him and try to interest him in the Council, and I will hold myself in readiness for any approach he may make to us.

See you in New York. I will certainly be there for the 15th and 16th, but I seem to have got myself into a conflict on the 17th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Sent:

5 copies 1950 list Negro police (mimeographed)
5 copies 1947 Negro police NEW SOUTH

October 10, 1950

Mr. Ralph A. Rose
American Friends Service Committee
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Rose:

It so happens that we have fresh from the mimeo machine our latest list on Negro policemen. I send you five copies. It will be printed in a few days in our September-October issue of New South. We have mailed the mimeographed list already to practically all chiefs of police in the South.

As you know, New Orleans has put on a few plainclothes Negro policemen attached, I believe, to the juvenile court. What I am told is that leading city officials are not unwilling to add Negro police to the force, but are stymied by municipal civil service provisions which make it a slow process for Negro (and therefore new) candidates to reach the appointments stage. Your friends in New Orleans will find that Mrs. Irving Cohn, 1122 Lowerline Street, has worked a good deal on this matter in her capacity as secretary of the New Orleans Committee on Race Relations, which is the Council's New Orleans chapter.

I send also an earlier issue of New South with some good argument material about Negro policemen. I am sure that has been supplied at one time or another to appropriate city officials in New Orleans.

We all look forward to your being here soon.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

October 10, 1950

Mr. William E. Cole
Department of Sociology
University of Tennessee
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Bill:

Many thanks for your letter.

We could never get Palmer to do that job. Please you take it on. It isn't as tough as it sounds. It is really a matter of writing out one letter to a good many people.

Here are cards giving the names and addresses of all our Tennessee people with notations showing their recent gifts over and above dues. That's as a guide.

The object isn't to beseech everybody directly to give money, but rather to find fifty people in the State, each of whom will scare up ten new ten-dollar members.

Mynders would help you a lot. I didn't ask him to do the job this year because he did it last year graciously and well. Charles Johnson in Nashville would name you off some people right away by mail.. Memphis is tough, but we have some friends there, though few rich ones.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 10, 1950

Miss Caroline Gillespie
RFD 3
Hartsville, South Carolina

Dear Caroline:

I rejoice in your letter.

I am driving Carolina directions this coming week and may get my auto as far as Hartsville. If I do I will find you and the farm and the survey and all the rest.

In any case, I will be happy to serve on any kind of board you want me on.

Mrs. Fleming (Jane Simpson as was) has written you about the rest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 10, 1950

Mr. Arthur Elder, Director
Training Institute
I.L.G.W.U.
1710 Broadway
New York 19, New York

Dear Art:

That was nice of you to write October 4 about our membership campaign. Your kindness cheers us a lot.

The Council has in a request to Mr. Dubinsky and the Board for a sizable grant from the union. Steel and auto and textiles have all helped us this year, and we thought that ILG would be willing to help too. I don't know when it comes up, but please be our friend.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

October 10, 1950

Miss Muriel Day, Executive Secretary
Women's Division of Christian Service
Board of Missions & Church Extension
Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Day:

We are grateful indeed for the invaluable help which the Women's Division gives us, and consider that that enrolls you many times over as part of the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

October 10, 1950

Mr. Frank W. Baldau, President
Natl. Asan. of Intergroup Relations Officials
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Frank:

I got your letter of October 3 about money. My Council is in a worse pass than the NAIRO. I am sympathetic but not able to be of much help.

Also I am tied to Atlanta November 14 and can't get to New York, for which I am truly sorry.

Maybe I can get us some members.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

October 10, 1950

Rev. H. Brent Schaeffer
1525 Robinson Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Schaeffer:

You wrote and asked for 150 of the short brown leaflet about the Southern Regional Council. We were out at the time and sent you the longer one.

Since then we have had another supply of the short one printed and as a precaution send you fifty. More for you if you wish them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

October 10, 1950

Mr. M. J. Norrell
Chairman and Executive Director
Inter-Racial Committee
Chamber of Commerce
Chamber of Commerce Building
Dallas 2, Texas

Dear Mr. Norrell:

How very kind that is of you to become a (sustaining) member of the Council.

We are grateful for that and for the welcome news that a self-survey is under way in Dallas.

Call on us at any time for help and we will do all we can.

I enclose an interesting summary from our Greenville friends of the latest improvements since their survey.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

October 10, 1950

Mr. John T. Dingley, Jr.
Vocational Counselor
Spalding High School
Griffin, Georgia

Dear Mr. Dingley:

We regret to inform you that "What Can Be Done about Domestic Employment" is now out of print. However, since it was printed in 1944, its information would now be out of date.

The most recent information on this subject is available from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C. It is a pamphlet entitled:

> "Community Household Employment Program," Bulletin 221, published by the Women's Bureau, U. S. Department of Labor, Washington, D.C., 1948. (20¢)

We are sorry we did not have the information you wanted. If we can help you again in the future, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Jane P. Fleming
Research Assistant

October 10, 1950

Mrs. Donald Shoemaker
56 Lockley
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Shoemaker:

We are happy to send you our material on community self-surveys. In the attached envelope, you will find our MANUAL for the Home Town Self-Survey, a small leaflet which describes briefly the self-survey technique in general, and reports of two highly successful surveys carried out in Jacksonville, Florida, and Greenville, South Carolina.* Our experience has shown us that this kind of survey -- done by citizens themselves rather than by professional "experts" -- is the most effective, not only in discovering community problems and needs but also in insuring wide civic interest and follow-up action.

Unfortunately, the copy of the MANUAL which we send is incomplete, since our supply has been temporarily exhausted. (You will notice that pages are missing from the Introduction and the sections on Education, Recreation, and Safety and Sanitation.) A revised and simplified version of the MANUAL is now being prepared for printing and should be available soon.

In the meantime, even this incomplete copy, plus the Jacksonville and Greenville surveys, should give you a good idea of how flexible a device the self-survey is. A survey can cover the entire community or just certain sections of it -- whatever the local people feel they can and should do. In some cases self-surveys have covered the whole community including the county; in others they have covered just the Negro community (as in Jacksonville and Greenville); and in still others surveys have included only selected aspects of community life, such as health or housing.

We hope that the Asheville Roundtable will be successful in interesting local groups in the possibility of such a survey. If we can be of further help to you in any way, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely yours,

* Also incl. July '50 NS - g'ville followup story.

(Mrs.) Jane P. Fleming
Survey Assistant

October 10, 1950

Mrs. Forrest E. Bliss
Drawer G
Lawndale, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Bliss:

In answer to your request for information about the Home Town Self-Survey, we are sending you in the attached envelope a leaflet which describes the self-survey in general and two reports on successful self-surveys, one in Jacksonville, Florida, and the other in Greenville, South Carolina. Unfortunately, the Council's MANUAL for the Home Town Self-Survey is temporarily out of print, so we are unable to send you that. A revised and simplified version is now being prepared for printing, and it should be available soon.

In both the Greenville and Jacksonville surveys, you will notice that only the Negro community was covered. Both cities felt that a survey of the entire community, although, preferable, would be too large an undertaking and that it would be better to begin with the section of the community presenting the most acute problems. In several smaller towns that we have advised, however, where size was not such a problem, self-surveys have included the whole community, often extending to take in the entire county as well.

I think you will see from the stories of these two surveys just how flexible and effective the self-survey is in bettering conditions. The survey is done by local people themselves, it covers as much or as little as they feel they can do, and because it is local, citizens see the facts for themselves. In this way, civic interest and real follow-up action are insured almost from the beginning.

If we can help you further in any way, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Fleming
Survey Assistant

October 11, 1950

Mr. John A. Manget
Mortgage-Guarantee Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Manget:

As a member of the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation, you have been receiving our publication, New South. With the issue this month, your subscription will expire.

We take this opportunity to invite you to join the Southern Regional Council. I enclose a pamphlet which describes the work of the Council and a membership blank is provided at the back. As a member you would receive New South and all publications issued throughout the year.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

October 11, 1950

Miss Grace Hale, Field Consultant
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.
501 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Hale:

We appreciate our being listed as a resource for your workshop on Working with Minority Groups and are happy to have the opportunity to be of assistance to you.

We are sending you separately an annotated list of our publications, plus some sample copies of the literature we thought would be most useful to you. Being a low-budget organization, we unfortunately cannot distribute our publications free, but must supply them at cost.

However, we are able to send you fifty (50) copies of "What Kind of South Do You Want", a leaflet describing the aims and achievements of the Council. They are included in the shipment coming separately.

As for the brief statement in your bibliography, we could be described as follows: "The Southern Regional Council is a membership organization, drawn from both races, which seeks through research and action equal opportunity for all the South's people."

Best wishes for the success of your meeting.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Fleming
Research Assistant

October 11, 1950

Mrs. Eva T. Athas
Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Orange Public Schools
Orange, Texas

Dear Mrs. Athas:

We regret very much that we are unable to fill your order right now for eleven copies of the MANUAL for the Home Town Self-Survey. Our present supply has been temporarily exhausted, and a revised edition is now being prepared for printing. This new edition should be available in the near future, and when it is, we will notify you immediately. In the meantime, we are returning your check for $2.75.

We are enclosing a report of the recent highly successful survey carried out in Greenville, South Carolina. If this report can fill your needs, we will be happy to supply whatever number you would like.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Fleming
Survey Assistant

Encl.

October 11. 1950

Mr. James Carter Jr.
901 Nelson Street
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Carter:

Thank you for returning your 50 for 51 leaflet with that very large number of prospective members in the Council.

Do we understand your intentions correctly -- that you wish material to be sent to these people introducing them to the Council and its work?

Thank you again. If we can be of assistance to you in any way, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rogers
Secretary to the
Executive Director

October 11, 1950

Miss Rebecca Reid
29 East Calhoun Street
Sumter, South Carolina

Dear Miss Reid:

Fifty copies of What Kind of South Do You Want are being mailed today, as requested in your wire.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rogers
Secretary to
George S. Mitchell

ER/r

October 11, 1950

Miss Mildred Frank
Acting Editor
Social Casework
192 Lexington Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Miss Frank:

Thank you for your letter of October 3 informing us that Miss Kasius will be away from the F.S.A.A. for a year.

Is it asking too much to request that you send us her present address? We do not have that information as yet from her, and it will help our circulation department to have it before our next general mailing.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rogers
Secretary to George
S. Mitchell

ER/r
Encl.

October 12, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

Since Dr. Mitchell is out of town all this week and I gather the statement for Father LaFarge is a hurry-up affair, here is what I would suggest.

Actually, we have no machinery for issuing a resolution in the name of the Council. Our custom here in such cases is for Dr. Mitchell to issue a statement as Executive Director of SRC. There is no reason why this statement similarly should not be issued by you as President; it would carry as much weight or more, and I think would accomplish your purpose.

Enclosed is a draft of something like the statement you will probably wat to make. Discard it, revise it, or use it, as you see fit.

If this suggestion doesn't suit you, let us know and we will do something else. Dr. Mitchell will be back in the office Saturday and will see your letter then. I am sure he will be glad to hear about your helpful acquaintance with Mr. May. Morris Abram can be expected to write him enthusiastically about us.

With all best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF:er
Encl.

AIRMAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

The choice of Dr. Ralph Bunche for the Nobel Peace Award is, for all of us, an occasion for pride and renewed thoughtfulness. The achievements which won Dr. Bunche that high honor are in the oldest and finest tradition of our nation — belief in peace coupled with human dignity. The fact that he is a Negro is important only because it shows us race in its proper perspective. We are living in a time when individual talent and achievement are our most precious resources. To deny them fulfillment or recognition by reason of outworn myth and prejudice penalizes not only the individual but our whole society. The Ralph Bunches — of whatever race — must be multiplied. And that will come about only if we nourish at the roots our heritage of common citizenship and equal opportunity.

October 13, 1950

Miss Helen L. Thacker
5014 Devonshire Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Miss Thacker:

In the absence of Dr. Mitchell, I thank you for your recent letter introducing yourself and will pass it on to him when he returns.

It takes several weeks to have the stationary orders filled. I am ordering some today and will have it sent directly to you. In the meantime, I send you the small supply which we had on hand.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

October 13, 1950

Miss Mary A. Willcox
Pocasset, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Willcox:

At your request we are removing your name from our associate membership.

Our records show that you joined or were given a membership in September 1944, at which time you contributed $26.00. In 1945 you paid $1.00, 1946 $10.00, 1947 $12.00, and your last contribution was in September 1949 for $16.00.

We have you listed at two addresses:

Winter: 45 Leighton Road
Wellesley 81, Massachusetts

Summer: Pocasset, Massachusetts.

You should have been receiving our publications since 1944.

It is possible that we have you confused with another person by the same name. If you can help us in any way to clarify our records, we would be most grateful.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh
enclosure -What Kind of South Do You Want?

VIA AIR MAIL

October 13, 1950

Mrs. Moses Cantor
Piney Grove Park
Johnson City, Tennessee

My dear Mrs. Cantor:

Some problems have arisen about my dates for Tennessee. I find I will have to be in Baton Rouge on the 30th. I can make it to Johnson City all right by November 1, so if you make the second date it will have to be November 2.

I hope this will not inconvenience you in any way.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

DT:er

X

Southern Regional Council - 63 Auburn
Avenue NE -

Telegram
October 14, 1950
11:45 A.M.

Mr. J. M. Tydings
Lincoln Foundation
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

We are crossed up on dates. I am to be Kentucky November 17, 18, 19.

Could be 20th. Sorry.

George S. Mitchell

Charge: Southern Regional Council, WA 7963

October 16, 1950

Miss Ellen Murray
Box 1301, Berea College
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Miss Murray:

I will be there then, as agreed, on Friday morning, November 17, in time for chapel. I haven't looked up the planes yet, and I may need some help on getting met at Lexington, but I will write you in plenty of time about that.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Mr. Mitchell's absence

October 16, 1950

Mrs. Ellen O'Gorman Duffy
National Conference of Christians and Jews
381 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mrs. Duffy:

Your letter of October 5 came when I was just leaving on a Carolinas trip which took me to Rock Hill. I spent October 10th there and made a round of visits to all our friends who are interested in getting a survey made. The proposal has rested too quietly during the summer while people were away and the college was closed. But they now have a stated chairman, who is pastor of the First Baptist Church, and they have the approval of the Board of Trade, which is the equivalent of the Chamber of Commerce. The chairman was to get advice this coming week from the Board of Trade as to the membership of a large committee to make the survey. I found influential people of both races in the city eager to get the survey under way. There is every reason to suppose that they will be actively at work within a couple of weeks.

We are all most grateful to the NCCJ for its aid. The sum granted was a great encouragement to the people at Rock Hill. It is intact in the bank here in Atlanta and will be drawn upon as needed for that purpose.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

dictated Oct. 14, 1950
signed in Dr..Mitchell's absence

October 16, 1950

Miss Beth Biderman
National Sharecroppers Fund, Inc.
40 East 49th Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Miss Biderman:

That is as kind as can be of the National Sharecroppers Fund to undertake the $1500.00 for us for the land tenure project. I heard about it by telephone when I was at Chapel Hill, and I talked to Charles Mangum there. He can help us a lot in getting it together. So we will get going on it right away.

Here are some needful changes in your outgoing letter -- which by andlarge is quite all right.

I write in haste in order to get this letter off to you between trips.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence
Encl.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

Date

National Sharecroppers Fund, Inc.
40 East 49 Street
New York 17, New York

Gentlemen:

Could our Council get some help from the National Sharecroppers Fund? The Council's need arises from the disbandment of the Julius Rosenwald Fund, which provided, in earlier years, about half the funds which kept the Council going.

I could detail at great length what the Council is and does. As a short cut, I send these two good stories from recent issues of the New York Herald Tribune, plus other published material.

One of the basic things we work at is the improvement of the conditions of that major part of the Southern people who still get their living by agriculture, and of the major part of those who are made poor and dependent by bad conditions of tenure or ownership of farms too small for reasonable support.

Specifically, we should like to receive funds for a study of Southern State laws regulating farm land tenure -- not for the study in itself, but for the movement it and our friends could start to make a basic change in Southern land tenure. Improvement in these laws would be a cheap, pervasive, and democratic way to better the situation of all non-owning farmers and improve by a lot our care of the land. The basic legislation in all of these States was written somewhere between 1866 and the early seventies. And it has been very little changed since. As they were passed when the people who worked the land were illiterate, the laws recognize the oral lease. What they mainly do is give the landlord or the creditor a tight lien on the tenant's crops. They make no provision for compensating the tenant for improvements to the land -- or for compensating the landowner for damage by the tenant. It is a primitive system, costly in humanity and in soil fertility. For the new livestock farming, the South will have to have a different arrangement. Yet very little attention has been given to what the new leasing system should be.

I ought to say that, much as we want to undertake this project, we are also in pressing need for money to support our general program. And we should appreciate your considering either the specific project or general support of our organization.

Do try to help us. We are in need.

Sincerely yours,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

October 16, 1950

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Box 652
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Guy:

You are a good egg to take on getting things going in your State. The cards are being mailed up to you pronto.

Tell Guion I drove on much the more valiantly for the good dinner she gave me.

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 16, 1950

Mr. Clarence J. Stenzel
805 Texas & Pacific Passenger Bldg.
Fort Worth 2, Texas

Dear Mr. Stenzel:

I enclose a postcard from Mr. G. G. Gaines at Forrest City, Arkansas, which came to us, we presume, because of the enclosed flyer which we got out. Here is my letter to Mr. Gaines.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encls.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

October 16, 1950

Mr. G. C. Gaines
Rt. 2, Box 8
Forrest City, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Gaines:

Thank you for your post card. Here is another copy of the leaflet.

I have sent your message on to Mr. Clarence J. Stenzel, 805 Texas and Pacific Passenger Building, Fort Worth 2, Texas, who is in charge of that program for your territory. I hope he will write you. If he doesn't, you write him.

The Southern Regional Council is not a part of the government, but just a private organization trying to help things along.

I hope you and Forrest City get some houses.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Enclosure

C O P Y

Forrest City, Ark.
1950] Oct. 9

To the New Government Program for Rural Non Farm Housing

I am ask you all how can a man get in to this plan. I have a lot in the town of Forrest City Ark. I have paid $1 hundred dollars on it. I have one more to pay. Can I get you to help me to bild. Rite me your plan on these plans.

G. G. Gaines
Rt. 2, Box 8
Forrest City, Ark.

Rite soon.

October 16, 1950

Mr. Albert J. Geiger
Executive Secretary
Southern Assn. of Colleges & Secondary Schools
20 Ivy Street, S.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Geiger:

We concluded after some inquiry that this was intended for you.

If you agree, do write him.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encls.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

CC: Mr. Albert J. Geiger

Sent: What Kind of South

October 16, 1950

Mr. N. W. Stevenson, Dean
Lomax-Hannon College
Greenville, Alabama

Dear Mr. Stevenson:

Your letter of October 3 we concluded after some inquiry must have been meant for Mr. Albert J. Geiger, Executive Secretary, Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, 20 Ivy St., S.E., Atlanta. Accordingly, I have taken the liberty of referring it to him. I am sure he will write you directly.

The enclosed leaflet will explain what this organization does. We would like to be of friendly aid in any way we can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

COPY

LOMAX-HANNON COLLEGE
Greenville, Alabama

October 3, 1950

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Association of Schools and Colleges
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir,

We are seeking information whereby we may proceed to make application for admission into the Southern Regional Council. We are also seeking needed information relative to requirements for accreditation by educational agencies.

We shall greatly appreciate your assistance in placing us in contact with the person or persons who direct the area in which our institution is located. If additional information is needed, we shall comply with the request.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ N. W. Stevenson, Dean

NWS:w

October 16, 1950

Mr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clement:

Here is a letter I got from Emory Ross.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

COPY

FOREIGN MISSIONS CONFERENCE OF NORTH AMERICA

156 Fifth Avenue New York 10, N. Y.

October 11, 1950

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 27th.

So far we have not been able to get the money necessary for the general organization of the proposed Africa Seminars next winter or spring.

We are keeping at it, however, and the interest which you and Dr. Rufus Clement have expressed in having one of these Seminars in Atlanta is significant and encouraging.

I am sharing this news with others initially concerned.

Most sincerely yours,

/s/ Emory Ross

er jh

October 16, 1950

Mr. Robert Weaver, Director
Opportunity Fellowships
John Hay Whitney Foundation
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Bob:

I sent one of the blanks to my friend who runs the college for Indians in eastern North Carolina. Here is his letter back.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

October 16, 1950

Mr. James A. Wechsler
Editor
New York Post
75 West Street
New York 6, New York

Dear Jimmy:

That's okay, and I quite understand (and rather approve).

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

October 16, 1950

Mr. John Ivey
Board of Control
316 Peachtree Street, NE
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear John:

Evidently the Charlotte Observer needs some straightening out.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

October 16, 1950

Miss Dorothy Jones
Winthrop College
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Dorothy:

You were mighty kind to me. I enjoyed the company and lunch and encouragement.

I do hope things move along. It seemed to me they were about ready to.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 16, 1950

Mr. Joseph S. Davis, Director
Food Research Institute
Stanford University
Stanford, California

Dear Mr. Davis:

Thank you so much for your letter of October 13 to Dr. Mitchell. He is out of town today, and will see it tomorrow when he returns.

Meanwhile, we have mailed 24 copies of the August New South, plus copies of additional materials about the Council and its work. We hope you will find them useful.

Cost of the copies of New South is as follows:

24 @ 5¢	$1.20
Postage	.30
	$1.50

The other material is free.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rogers
Secretary to George S. Mitchell

October 16, 1950

Mr. Morton B. King
P.O. Box 473
University, Mississippi

Dear Mr. King:

In checking our records, we find that you joined the Southern Regional Council in May this year.

However, there is no indication that you have been receiving our publications. We sincerely hope that you will accept our apology for this error. We are sending you those back issues of our publication, New South, which you should have received.

Please notify me in the future if you fail to receive our literature.

Your interest in the Council is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

October 16, 1950

Reverend R. L. Clifton
2619 Holls Ferry Road
Vicksburg, Mississippi

Dear Reverend Clifton:

In checking our records, we find that you joined the Southern Regional Council in October last year. However, there is no indication that you have been receiving our publications.

We sincerely hope that you will accept our apology for this error. We are now entering a membership for you at this date, and this membership will not be renewable again until October 1951.

If you wish, however, we could send you a complete set of publications for the period covered from the time you originally joined.

Unless we hear from you, your membership will begin now. Your interest in the Council's work is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

October 16, 1950

Farm Bureau Mutual Automobile Ins. Co.
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Sirs:

I carry an automobile insurance policy with your good company.

Here is notice that I collided with a Ford pickup in Raleigh, North Carolina, October 12. No terrible damage in any way, but I suppose the Ford pickup man will claim against me. I have fixed my car myself. He was going a little fast, but he had the right of way and I didn't.

I doubt that more than at most $20.00 worth of damage was done to his truck. His truck was owned by the Stephenson Appliance Company, 225 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. Driver of the truck was E. B. Smith. License number was North Carolina 907-806.

E. B. Smith and I by agreement summoned the Raleigh police to inspect the scene. Traffic Officer Smith of the Raleigh force made a map and took down all particulars. E. B. Smith had no drivers license on his person, but informed Traffic Officer Smith that he, E. B. Smith, could and would produce a drivers license as soon as he could go home and get it. Some negligence on both sides. Hard to apportion blame, but my guess is a court would put most of it on me.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

October 16, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shaw
Textbook Department
Harper and Brothers Publishers
49 East 33rd Street
New York, New York

Dear Marie and Harry:

I had business in Rock Hill one day last week drumming up a Home Town Self-Survey like the Greenville one.

The business carried me to a gal named Dorothy Jones, who teaches at Winthrop, and she carried me to such a nice building for lunch -- Edward S. Joynes Hall. I am ashamed to say that I knew more about Dr. Joynes than almost anybody I could turn up at Winthrop College (and of course I spread my knowledge around -- biggity.)

A pleasure to be again within the glow of the Joynes-Ragsdale-Shaw kindness.

Did I write you that when I dug around into Father's papers I came across a photograph of a group gathered on the steps of our house on the campus on the occasion of President Taft's visit? Next to the President stood Dr. Joynes. Father's handwriting on the back of the photo listed everyone present. Reaching your grandfather, the inscription said, "At President Taft's left, Dr. Edward S. Joynes, to whom I introduced the President." I deposited the photograph in the archives of the South Carolina Historical Society.

Sincerely,

GSM:er

George S. Mitchell

October 16, 1950

Reverend and Mrs. J. A. Brown
1710 Williams Street
Vicksburg, Mississippi

Dear Reverend and Mrs. Brown:

In checking our records, we find that you joined the Southern Regional Council in October last year. However, there is no indication that you have been receiving our publications.

We sincerely hope that you will accept our apology for this error. We are now entering a membership for you at this date, and this membership will not be renewable again until October 1951.

If you wish, however, we could send you a complete set of publications for the period covered from the time you originally joined.

Unless we hear from you, your membership will begin now. Your interest in the Council's work is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

October 16, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Greene
119 North Farish Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Greene:

In checking our records, we find that you joined the Southern Regional Council in October last year. However, there is no indication that you have been receiving our publications.

We sincerely hope that you will accept our apology for this error. We are now entering a membership for you at this date, and this membership will not be renewable again until October 1951.

If you wish, however, we could send you a complete set of publications for the period covered from the time you originally joined.

Unless we hear from you, your membership will begin now. Your interest in the Council's work is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

October 16, 1950

Mr. M. A. F. Ritchie, Chairman
Department of Human Relations
University of Miami
Coral Gables 46, Florida

Dear Mr. Ritchie:

Good to hear from you and glad that you need some more of our maggie. They are on the way to you.

Why don't you and two or three others band together and arrange a Miami trip for me along about snow time? I would love it!

We want to be helpful to what you are doing in any way we can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

October 17, 1950

Memorandum

TO: Norma Huff
FROM: George S. Mitchell

Mr. Beittel handed me the attached check for Rabbi Mantinband. I assume this is Mantinband's payment of sustaining membership for '51.

Attached also, lecture fee, $25.00, which I earned at Talladega over the week end.

Actually, Talladega College's check (payable to me) was for $35.00, which was intended to cover my expenses. They came out pretty close to $10.00, so I have simply held back $10.00 as expenses.

GSM

October 17, 1950

Mrs. Irma Burr
2223 Ninth Avenue
Huntington, West Virginia

Dear Irma:

That was mighty kind indeed of you to write. Whatever I wrote you must have had in it some indication that I knew you weren't rich. Cease to worry about this matter and concern yourself with only the problems you've got of raising young Charles.

I wish I knew somebody in Alexandria who could help down there, but I don't know a soul. However, I thoroughly approve of your coming back to this general part of the world. Try Georgia!

Let me know where you settle.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 17, 1950

Mr. Bernard M. Cannon
366 Alexander Avenue
Spartanburg, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Cannon:

That was nice of you to write. I enjoyed our chance to talk and am only sorry it wasn't longer.

Do give me a chance to read what you end by writing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 17, 1950

Miss Lillie Hundley
1001 West Ninth Street
Plainview, Texas

Dear Miss Hundley:

How very nice of you to write in and send the dues. We are grateful, and mighty glad to have you again as a full and proper member.

Guy has been at Chapel Hill since mid-1947 as Professor of Sociology and Anthropology. I saw him there only last week. Their children are all but ready to leave home for good.

We want to do more in your State and will count on you to help us when we find the means to reach vigorously into Texas.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 17, 1950

Miss Margaret Garrity
Interracial Secretary
Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems
1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Miss Garrity:

Welcome to Virginia and to full membership -- indeed, to sustaining full membership -- in the Southern Regional Council.

You now have a large and influential vote all to yourself.

That was mighty kind of you to send so large a check.

I look forward to our next occasion for sitting on some meeting's chairs together.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 17, 1950

Dr. E. McNeill Poteat
Pullen Memorial Baptist Church
Hillsboro Road
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear McNeill:

I spent two or three days last week in Raleigh and Chapel Hill and Durham. Sorry I reached Raleigh at a time when you were away.

I want politely and still very strongly to ask you to take on an additional task. If you will read through the green printed leaflet and look at the envelope, you will see what the business is. Obviously I cannot from this office operate a mail campaign that would reach several thousand correctly chosen persons. But a small committee in each state could do it far more knowledgeably and helpfully. So we have parcelled the job out state by state. Mr. Dabbs has the job in South Carolina. John Griffin is doing it in Georgia. A Lutheran minister named Schaeffer took on Mississippi. Bill Cole at UT took on Tennessee. And so on around.

I talked with Mr. Wheeler at the Mechanics and Farmers Bank at Durham and with Gurney Hood there in Raleigh. Each of them would be glad to serve on the committee and both of them want you to be chairman. Wheeler thought also that Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown would be useful on the committee, and Mr. A. Liston at Johnson C. Smith in Charlotte. I suppose if those two went on, a couple more white persons ought to be on to balance them up. It would be up to you to pick whom you wanted to be the others on the committee.

We have made up a list of all our North Carolina members with notations as to the considerable number who gave something above regular dues this year and last. The Council has about 250 members in North Carolina. There is also a long but inaccurate list

of sometime contributors to the North Carolina Interracial Commission. Guy Johnson has that list. The idea would not be to circularize everybody on the lists, but rather in a meeting of the committee to pick out fifty or eighty names over the state of people who ought to be willing to accept the responsibility of getting up a hundred dollars and then getting a letter written to those persons asking them thus to serve. We found in Georgia that a membership list suggested enough people to make 85 or so invitees to take on the hundred dollar responsibility. And friends that committee members knew of made still others.

The North Carolina Interracial Commission was for several years an affiliate of the Council. Late last year or early this, it converted itself into the North Carolina Division of the Southern Regional Council. Thereafter Gurney Hood wrote out to its regular contributors and suggested that they become members of SRC, and quite a lot of them did. Guy Johnson is chairman of a committee to convene the membership of the new North Carolina Division some time in November. That meeting might be the time to have also a meeting of the 50 for '51 committee.

This all sounds formidable on paper. I assure you it isn't. It means sitting through one committee meeting and writing ten or fifteen letters yourself and getting other members of the committee to write others. If you run into clerical expense, as doubtless you will, we will be glad to foot the (let us hope modest) bills for that and for postage and so on if need be.

People have been extremely good about taking on this job. I do hope you can add your acceptance. It would help us greatly to have North Carolina plans made.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.: 50 for '51 leaflet
return envelope

October 17, 1950

Mr. A. D. Beittel
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Mr. Beittel:

All the Mitchell family that got to Talladega thanks you and Mrs. Beittel and Talladega College for a most enjoyable visit.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 17, 1950

Mr. William E. Cole
University of Tennessee
Department of Sociology
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Bill:

My friend!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

X

Southern Regional Council, 63 Auburn
Avenue NE - WA 7963 or WA 1821

TELEGRAM

October 17, 1950
1:45 P.M.

Mr. J. M. Tydings
Lincoln Foundation
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Apologies. I am stuck here October 20.

George S. Mitchell

X

Southern Regional Council, 63 Auburn
Avenue, NE - WA 7963 or WA 1821

TELEGRAM

October 17, 1950
1:45 P.M.

Rev. H. Brent Schaeffer
1520 Robinson Street
Jackson, Mississippi

October 26 I will be at your meeting in Jackson.

George S. Mitchell

Charge to: Southern Regional Council

October 17, 1950

Mr. Morris Abram
Connally Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

I had a letter the other day from Paul Williams in Richmond. He had been out to Detroit, where he had had opportunity to talk to Mr. Alfred May, whom he has known for several years. May has an important connection with Ford Motor Company, and we will be talking later on about getting his help with the Ford Foundation.

Meanwhile, Paul Williams thought that Mr. May could help us importantly toward getting some contribution (perhaps $2,500.00) from the American Jewish Committee. Williams thought that it would be quite helpful if you would write Mr. May rather fully, mentioning your links with the American Jewish Committee and describing why you would think it right for the Committee to get some of its work in the South done through SRC. Mr. May, we are told, is a friend of Mr. Liebersdorf, who is treasurer of AJC, and also knows Mr. George Mintzer, its general Counsel.

If you would think it all right for you to write such a letter and would be willing to do so, I would be very grateful. Paul Williams for some reason would like a copy of any letter you may care to write; his address in Richmond is 3320 Gloucester Road, Richmond 22, Virginia.

Here is a copy of the letter Paul Williams wrote Mr. May. This incidentally, gives Mr. May's correct address

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

October 17, 1950

Mr. Donald Comer
Avondale Mills
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Comer:

That is all straight. I am looking for you at home the afternoon of October 24. Call me at Dearborn 5961 and I will come and get you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 18, 1950

Miss Margaret Garrity
Interracial Secretary
Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems
1312 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Miss Garrity:

Our Membership Secretary has asked me to follow up on your letter of October 11.

As a resident of Virginia, you are, as Dr. Mitchell indicated, entitled to full membership in SRC and to a vote. Since Washington members are Associate Members, without the vote, and we have only a Washington address for you, we would like, for our records, to have your Virginia address.

If you would like to have our publications sent to your address in Virginia, we will be glad to make that change.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rogers
Secretary to George S. Mitchell

October 18, 1950

Mr. Lloyd Bray, Manager
Students Supply Stores
East Carolina Teachers College
Greenville, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Bray:

You have our authorization to return six copies of "Wanted: The South's Future for the Nation" by Vance.

This pamphlet was sold to you at the rate of $2.00 per dozen. Upon receipt of the six pamphlets, we will send you $1.00 in refund.

Please let us know if we can be of further service.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

October 18, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

You will be pleased to hear that the foundation which previously put up the basic money for the Home Town Self Survey project at a meeting today granted us a thousand more for continuing that project. We have to match it with $1500.00 -- by July 1, '51. But we can use Mrs. Ascoli's forthcoming $500.00 for part of it, and it ought to be possible to scrounge up the last thousand.

I have written Morris Abram.

A good man accepted the chairmanship of the Tennessee 50 for '51 campaign. I hope that a good man in North Carolina will take it. Our North Carolina friends are off to a new start. They will convene a meeting of the North Carolina Division in November.

The Rock Hill survey is about to get started. I saw all the people there one day last week. Missed Father Shean, but talked with an assistant to him, Father Wall.

You should have seen me standing up in a gown preaching a sermon at Talladega College day before yesterday.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Dictated October 17, 1950

October 18, 1950

Mr. Harold J. Weakley
Community Council of Greenville County
110-A West McBee Avenue
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Weakley:

You will be pleased, as of course we were, to hear that our foundation donor who has been helping on the self-survey matter voted us a thousand dollars for next year. We will have to get fifteen hundred dollars added to it from somewhere else, but with eight months in which to do it, we suppose we can.

I am sure the letters which you so kindly got for us were very helpful. Very many thanks.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. I went to Rock Hill one day last week. They seemed to me about ready to move. Dallas has been much encouraged by your example. Tallahassee is inquiring. And so on.

GSM:er

Sent: What Kind of South Do You Want

October 18, 1950

Mr. W. G. Carnahan
4407 Avenue H
Austin 5, Texas

Dear Bill:

I appreciate the notice about the dinner for the Granberys. I wish to goodness I could come. I believe I would were it not for the fact that I have to be in Richmond the 27th.

Here is a buck anyhow toward the fund.

I didn't know you were in Texas and I don't know what you do there or anything about you nowadays. How about telling us? How about also joining our Council? You ought to. We will let you and Mrs. Carnahan in for a joint membership of $4.00 but I expect you are a capitalist and ought to be a Sustaining Member at $10.00.

I greatly wish I could be at that dinner, not merely to honor the Granberys, but also because I want to push our Council's work into Texas and that would be a great gathering of our proper friends.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

Sent: Report on Home Town Self Survey
Greenville Report

October 19, 1950

Mr. Alfred Starr
Bijou Theatre
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Starr:

Yesterday afternoon I had a telephone call from the secretary of a philanthropic foundation in one of the Southern states. They helped us in 1948 with a two-year grant of $3,000.00 (which we were required to match) to enable us to put through a project for getting cities and towns over the South to do home town self-surveys. We applied to them again some weeks ago for another $2,500.00 to see that project through 1951. The phone call was to tell me that the Board of the foundation had appropriated to us $1,000.00 for that purpose on condition that we obtain $1,500.00 from other sources by mid-1951. We know of $500.00 which will almost certainly be given us for that purpose. So we have a thousand yet to find.

I could send you reams about what the project is and what it has done and what it can do. As a matter of fact, I attach about half a ream, though I don't expect you to read it all. You will see what the whole thing is if you will turn to page 31 in the report of a Greenville, South Carolina, survey and read the paragraph beginning "All these ..."

Also, Exhibit IX, B in the half a ream will show you some post-survey improvements (down to about August, 1950), and IX, A shows that business interests liked what was done.

The principle behind the surveys is that the Council merely serves to get the device known; to supply a manual of questionnaires which the local community may or may not make use of; and to advise the town on how to put through the survey if it wants any advice. Our only policy stipulation is that we do not care to aid surveys unless the responsible committee in charge of it is bi-racial.

So there is a minimum of "organization," which I remember you told me you weren't much in love with. It is a local action program

which clearly does a world of good.

It occurred to me that if you were turning your mind toward helping us, you might want to put your help on this useful job. Whatever you gave would in that way be doubled.

But if you decided that you didn't want to help, I won't raise the matter any more at all.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P. S. While the contributing foundation has tied me with the strictest requirements as to its anonymity, I am authorized by them to say that other interested potential donors will obtain full information by communicating with Mr. W. B. Stubbs, Room 211, Trust Company of Georgia Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

GSM:er
Encls.

October 19, 1950

Miss Doris Furzeland
Secretary to Mr. Hickox
The Barker Welfare Foundation
Room 1401, 70 Pine Street
New York 5, New York

Dear Miss Furzeland:

Thank you for your letter of October 9.

Do keep us currently before the Board so that we will come up in the spring of 1951.

I have marked my Tickler to write you again in February.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 19, 1950

Mr. Frank McCallister
Roosevelt College
Chicago 5, Illinois

Dear Frank:

Thanks for your note about Frank Jenks. The poor guy will now be showered by me.

The National Sharecroppers Fund promised us $1500.00 for the project. That is mighty kind of them. I appreciate your forthright help on it.

We all miss you. This is a lonely enough game and we need all its practitioners.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 19, 1950

Mr. Guy Friddell
Apt. 1, 923 Kent Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Guy:

I have a speech which I call The Map of the South, which has echoes from S.C.M. and Howard Odum's Regionalism, plus Rupert Vance, plus what I have learned in PAC and elsewhere. It is handy as a way of introducing people who are going to work in the South to the broadest aspects of the South's problems. I have frequently given it to groups of teachers and presume that I am asked to do it for the parochial school teachers of Virginia there in Richmond the 27th, on the idea that it will be helpful to them. If you are free to come out, I think it is billed at about one in the afternoon at St. Joseph's. Show up!

Bring your pad and pencil, and I will give you all the details about the gum tree enterprise.

Bring Virginia!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

October 19, 1950

Dr. William H. Gray Jr.
427 South Broad
Philadelphia 47, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Gray:

Dr. Nathaniel S. Duff most kindly sent in his $10.00 membership the other day with notation that it came through your interest.

We deeply appreciate your loyal friendship.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 19, 1950

Miss Isabella Palais
Ecusta Paper Company
Pisgah Forest, North Carolina

Dear Miss Palais:

I am mighty sorry that Mr. Straus is still not at his desk.

I will trust you to let me know, then, when it will be permissible for me to see him.

I enjoyed my tiny visit with you. If you come to Atlanta, please let me know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. The Crosley has given way to a Hillman Minx. Greeny-blue. An Alabama friend calls it a baby Cadillac.

GSM:er

October 19, 1950

Reverend David H. Brooks, President
Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance
P. O. Box 22
Florida A & M College
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Brooks:

Thank you for your letter about the Greenville self-survey. We are most interested in the possibility you mention of Tallahassee's undertaking a similar survey, and will be happy to help in any way you think best.

We are sending you under separate cover a brief leaflet describing the self-survey technique in general and a copy of BY THE PEOPLE, a report on an earlier survey in Jacksonville, Florida. We regret that our MANUAL for self-surveys is temporarily out of print, but a revised edition is now being prepared for printing, and we shall notify you when it is available.

From the Greenville and Jacksonville reports, you can see in general how a successful self-survey is organized and carried out. The real key to its success is the make-up of the Survey Committee. Its members should represent not only both races but also community leaders who are in a position to get things done once the actual fact-finding is over.

It is difficult to advise you about particulars without knowing more about what you have in mind and what the situation is in Tallahassee. In planning a survey, for example, you would have to decide what areas the survey should cover -- the whole community, the Negro community, or just certain sections such as health, housing, education, and so forth. You would also have to work out the problem of sponsorship for the survey. A Community Council, Community Chest, Welfare Council, or similar organization often is an excellent sponsor. Otherwise, you would need a Survey Committee which would have enough community backing to lend the survey solid support. (In both the Jacksonville and Greenville surveys, the local Council of Social Agencies acted as sponsor. However, other towns have carried out effective surveys without such official sponsorship.)

During the Jacksonville survey, two teachers from Florida A & M (and a few of their students) helped with specific parts of the fact-finding. Dr. Clifton R. Jones of the Sociology Department helped with the Housing section, and Dr. C. L. Spellman worked on Education. I am sure that they would be glad to discuss the whole question with you. And certainly, with faculty and students available from A & M and the other schools in Tallahassee, you would be able to get both expert professional advice and volunteer help for your survey easily.

We should like very much to know how things work out in Tallahassee. Please feel free to ask our advice in more detail as plans progress. We will be glad to help with anything we can and should be delighted to see Tallahassee do a self-survey.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Fleming
Survey Assistant

October 19, 1950

Very Reverend C. P. Seater, Chancellor
Catholic Diocese of Natchez
P.O. Box 2103
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Father Seater:

We sincerely appreciate your generous supporting membership in the Southern Regional Council.

No doubt you have been wondering why it has not been acknowledged. It was not until this week that we received your address, and the membership was not completely entered until then.

You should receive all publications issued throughout the year, and we would appreciate hearing from you if you fail to receive the September issue of New South, which should reach you in the next week.

The annual membership meeting of the Council is to be held in Atlanta November 8 and we extend you a cordial invitation to attend this meeting.

Our many thanks for your interest in the Council's program.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

October 19, 1950

Mr. E. D. Wheatley
Wheatley and Company
Greenwood, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Wheatley:

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(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

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Send:

All items in yellow jacket
Race in the news
Negro police
Professional associations
New South: Intercultural education

October 19, 1950

Miss Helene Rosenwald
310 West 97th Street
New York 25, New York

De r Miss Rosenwald:

If inter-group education means, narrowly, the teaching simultaneously members of two or more groups about each other as groups, these Southern states can show mighty little. If the term can mean the spraying upon a whole population information about its component groups, then everything our Southern Regional Council does is inter-group education.

I send you some pamphlets to show what the Council does. I suppose a principle that runs through all of them is to reveal to both races in the South the disparities between them in health and housing and schooling and civil rights, etc., and to plead for equalization.

Of course our local interracial committees are action centers in inter-group education. But they get more done if they are not hyperconscious about it.

If we can help you with a more specific answer, give us another try.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

October 20, 1950

Dr. Witherspoon Dodge
National Religion and Labor Foundation
66 Edgewood Avenue
New Haven 11, Connecticut

Dear Witherspoon:

That was mighty nice of you to think of us in conversation with Mrs. Morris Paty and to prompt her to write in to her brother-in-law.

We have been working to get a grant from the Rich Foundation for a couple of years and once or twice they have appeared on the very verge of making us quite a good grant. We intend to go back to Paty in time for a 1951 amount and will be the more hopeful for your kindness and for Mrs. Morris Paty's kindness.

We have had better luck the last few weeks with various small grants long cooking finally completed, but we are still no more than near the edge of the woods.

We all miss you here and wish you would come back.

Talladega College asked me to go over and preach last Sunday. 'Twould have done your heart good to see me in a black gown waving my arms and pouring it on. Ten plagues of Egypt -- way back there, and their modern equivalent.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 20, 1950

Mr. W. B. Stubbs
Executive Director
John Bulow Campbell Foundation
Trust Company of Georgia Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Stubbs:

Our Council is very grateful indeed for the welcome news in your letter of October 18 telling us of the Foundation's grant to us (No. 144) and stating the conditions.

We are exerting ourselves to meet the conditions as soon as possible.

We were much encouraged by the Foundation's kind assistance.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 20, 1950

NAIRO Secretariat
National Assn. of Intergroup Relations Officials
4901 South Ellis Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Secretariat:

You very kindly in a memorandum of October 7 notified me of hotel arrangements for me to stay with my good friend Charles Posner the night of November 14 in New York.

I would like to be with him, but the trouble is I don't get to New York until the 15th. I am sorry about it, but that's the best I can do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 20, 1950

National Information Bureau
205 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Sirs:

Can you tell me what it is that is called the Committee of One Hundred? I keep hearing that it seeks help for things in this part of the world. That's all I know, but I would like to know more.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 20, 1950

Mr. Richard B. Anliot
American Council on Education
Committee on Discriminations
1703 K Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Anliot:

I have got back and have had a chance to study with care the memorandum attached to your letter of October 6.

Everything in it could and should be done.

I hope you can unroll it.

If we can help you in detail at any point, let us know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

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Southern Regional Council
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

October 20, 1950

Dear Louisiana Member:

A general and Statewide meeting of SRC members in Louisiana has been called for October 30th at Shiloh Baptist Church Annex, 188 South 14th Street, Baton Rouge, at 10 A.M.

Mrs. M. E. Tilly, from the Council's office, will be present at the meeting. It is hoped that the meeting will set up a Louisiana Division of the Southern Regional Council.

Representatives of the New Orleans Chapter of the Council will be present. A substantial turnout of people from over the State will make it possible to organize a group which can continue to do work in the interracial field in Louisiana.

Mr. Felton G. Clark, at Baton Rouge, is in charge of arrangements.

Louisiana is one of the last remaining Southern States without an organization of this kind. Let's get going!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

October 21, 1950

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mays:

I am honored to be nominated to be one of the group to attend the White House Conference, and accept the nomination with appreciation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

October 21, 1950

AIRMAIL

Rev. W. W. Wilke
2100 Wolfe Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Wilke:

I have not received an answer to my letter to you of October 3 asking you to please let me know by return airmail the hour of the meeting on the 27th. I would appreciate it if you would wire me as soon as you receive this letter, as I must make travel reservations and the time of the meeting will have bearing on the time I leave Atlanta.

I would certainly appreciate it if you would let me know at once.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

DT:er

October 23, 1950

Mrs. E. H. Green
107 North Leflore Street
Cleveland, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Green:

Our records indicate that your dues are two years in arrears.

In January this year you sent two dollars, which paid your 1948 dues. In 1949, it was voted at the annual membership meeting to raise the dues to three dollars per year; thus the total amount necessary to bring your dues current is $6.00.

You have long been a faithful and interested friend of the Council, and I hesitate to call this to your attention. However, the Council's important program is greatly helped by individual memberships, such as your own. We are forced to consider carefully our limited budget.

We do value your friendship and hope you will continue to afford us the privilage of retaining your membership and sending you New South.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

October 23, 1950

Mrs. St. Julien R. Childs
73 King Street
Charleston 4, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Childs:

We are about to get out a statement (which we hope the annual meeting November 8 will approve) urging the whole South to arrange bi-racial school boards. The argument is that equality is not a matter of mathematics but of trustworthy running administration, and that the only way to get a trustworthy element in is to represent fairly all concerned.

The only Southern cities we happen to know of with bi-racial school boards now are Raleigh, N. C., and Roanoke, Va. You recall, of course, that Harold Trigg is a member of the State school board in North Carolina.

We will emphasize heavily the importance of genuine and courageous representation.

As to the Atlanta law suit, it seems to me the battle is the old one. It is simply that a new flag has been raised. It made a good deal of flutter in Georgia. The end result will doubtless be equal schools, somewhat sooner than with a milder claim.

Very kind of you to make arrangements for Mr. Mommsen. Theodore is his brother.

We appreciate your $2.00. Many thanks.

Hi! Did you get to Edinburgh? Lucky!

When you get put off of airplanes, the girl at the desk refers to you as Passenger desiring Toledo, or Passenger desiring Hattiesburg, or whatever. Count me as Passenger desiring Charleston.

Sincerely,

GSM:er

George S. Mitchell

October 23, 1950

Mr. J. R. Otis
Alcorn A & M College
Alcorn, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Otis:

Harry Wright's address is 2171 Madison Avenue, Apt. 5-E. I know he would like to see you. No telephone at his apartment, but he can be reached through the kindness of neighbors at FO 8-1816.

That was mighty nice of you to send out so good a letter to your friends.

I look forward to being in Jackson the 26th and hope the meeting will give me a glimpse of you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 23, 1950

Mr. Louis Hosch
Natl. Assn. of Intergroup Relations Officials
4901 South Ellis Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Louis:

I can see signs of a wavelet of Southern big-city Mayors' Commissions on Race Relations. Birmingham is doing one under the Community Chest (erroneously in lieu of an Urban League), and the mayor of Atlanta is talking about one. The question has been up in Richmond and other cities.

Can you get together for me out of your files some basic documents about such organizations? I don't want their reports as to what they did; I need copies of the letters from the mayors which set them up, copies of their constitutions and by-laws -- that sort of thing. The problem is scope and authority.

I don't need a flock of them. If you could pick out four or five pretty good ones, that would be enough.

This is not a problem of statewide ones. It is a problem purely of municipal ones. I know you are busy, but do put somebody on it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 23, 1950

Miss Roberta Morgan, Executive Director
Social Service Exchange
309 North 23rd Street
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Miss Morgan:

Thank you for your letter of October 19.

I have written to the Secretary of the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials, 4901 South Ellis Avenue, Chicago, asking him for copies of constitutions or Authorizing Documents of city agencies of the kind you describe.

Here is a copy of the by-laws of the New Orleans Committee on Race Relations, which is a chapter of the Southern Regional Council. The New Orleans Committee is a purely voluntary agency. It receives enough money to pay a half-time secretary (who serves full time anyway), and it is doing quite a lot.

The by-laws of the Alabama Division of the Southern Regional Council are enclosed also, though as a statewide body it presumably has less application to your needs.

Of the municipal committees of this kind in Northern cities, the one which is outstanding in my mind is the Mayor's Friendly Relations Committee in Cincinnati. I have pulled from our files various items about it. It seems to me that it has worked at the problem in the best spirit.

I will send you on whatever I can get from the people in Chicago.

Every best wish to what is under way.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 23, 1950

Mr. Virginius Dabney, Editor
The Richmond Times-Dispatch
Richmond 11, Virginia

Dear Mr. Dabney:

We greatly regret that you will not be able to attend the Council meetings on November 7th and 8th.

These meeting dates are determined by the Council by-laws, and it is hoped that the membership will amend these particular provisions this year so that this conflict with the general elections will not occur again.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

also to Mr. Mynders

October 23, 1950

Bacon Pamphlet Service, Inc.
139 Woodbury Road
Huntington, New York

Dear Sirs:

Since there was some difficulty in the shipping of your order No. c-6870, we would appreciate your notifying us upon receipt of this order.

We have requested the Atlanta Railway Express office to trace the shipment. The express receipt number is 28-08-02, and the pamphlets were mailed in a single carton.

If you have not received the carton yet, we would like to again notify our Atlanta express office.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

October 23, 1950

Dr. A. D. Beittel
Office of the President
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Dr. Beittel:

We are delighted and most grateful for your two checks.

It was extremely kind of the members of the Birmingham meeting to present us with their generous check. Please extend our many thanks to the group. It goes without saying that your interest and support has helped us a great deal.

Incidentally, the total contributions from Alabama are now $536.84. You are safely over your pledge and we are proudly reporting this fact to the Finance Committee.

Our many thanks also for your kind invitation to have a staff member attend your annual meeting. All conditions being favorable, we will surely send someone.

I have thanked Mr. Pierce today for his check.

We would appreciate a forwarding address for Dr. Marmion. It is regretable that his residence outside of the region eliminates his membership from the Board of Directors, but he can still be a valuable S.R.C. associate member.

We all look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting and add again our sincere appreciation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

October 23, 1950

Mrs. Clifton H. Bradford
Box 620
Oxford, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Bradford:

The Southern Regional Council has no faintest Communist connections.

Our name is a general one and it has sometimes been confused with organizations which have not enjoyed the Council's widespread Southern support. If you will look down the enclosed list of the officers of the Council and members of its Board of Directors, perhaps picking out particularly the many North Carolina ones, you will understand that none of those persons would be associated in any way with a movement linked to Communism.

Our Council goes back through the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation to 1919, and during all that time has had the unwavering support of church and other responsible people throughout the South.

You realize, I am sure, that the charge of communist sponsorship is a grave and injurious one. I trust that, whatever the source of your misunderstanding, you will be at pains to have the straight of the matter yourself.

And do, after you have made whatever inquiries you wish, renew your membership and give us your help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Sent:

Vance
Raper
Negro police
Professional associations
Race in the news
Both hreald tribune stories
Three decisions
Sept-Oct New south

October 23, 1950

Mr. Frank W. Jenks, President
International Harvester Foundation
180 North Michigan
Chicago 1, Illinois

Dear Mr. Jenks:

I want pretty soon to write you at length and apply formally to the International Harvester Foundation for some help to this Council.

Meanwhile, I send you some things about the Council and hope you will find time to look through them and begin to become acquainted with the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

October 24, 1950

Mr. Morris Abram
Connally Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

Let's do about Mr. Alfred May and Mr. Lucas just exactly what you think ought to be done.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 24, 1950

Mr. Bicknell Eubanks
American News Department
The Christian Science Monitor
1 Norway Street
Boston 15, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Eubanks:

I am delighted that you will be in Atlanta November 27, 28, and 29. My calendar shows me in the city at that time, and I look forward to opportunity to talk with you.

We have been grateful many times for the careful and tolerant items which the Christian Science Monitor has carried about Southern things in general and about the Council in particular.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 24, 1950

Mr. Robert C. Weaver, Director
Opportunity Fellowships
John Hay Whitney Foundation
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Bob:

A musical guy in Alabama, retired, white, has written me and asked where his Home Economics daughter can get scholarship aid.

I have told him there is such a thing as the John Hay Whitney Foundation and I have written it and asked it to be kind enough to send an application blank to his daughter. The daughter's name is Ann Pilcher, 3918 Southmont Drive, Montgomery, Alabama.

I will be grateful if you will send Miss Ann Pilcher a blank.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 24, 1950

Mr. J. Mitchell Pilcher
3918 Southmont Drive
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Pilcher:

The President of our Council, Mr. Paul Williams, has asked me to write you in reply to your letter of October 19.

The Council itself has no scholarship program -- though I wish we did.

I should think the best bet would be the new scholarship program of the John Hay Whitney Foundation at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City. Shortly after the closing up of the Julius Rosenwald Fund, the John Hay Whitney Foundation announced a program of scholarship aid quite similar to that conducted formerly by the JRF. It helps quite a number of white students, though I suppose the greater part of its beneficiaries are Negroes and Indians.

This is about the season when the John Hay Whitney Foundation considers applications. I have written them and asked that a blank be sent to your daughter at your Montgomery address.

I hope I may have the opportunity of talking with you on some occasion in Montgomery.

Sincerely,

GSM:er

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

October 24, 1950

Mrs. William C. White
The Methodist Parsonage
Okeechobee, Florida

Dear Mrs. White:

Your letter of September 9th has again come across my desk, and I find that I neglected to answer your question regarding membership cards sent you, but no record of dues payment in the listing.

Due to the several changes of personnel, we have had quite a time getting our records straightened out.

January - Miss Edna Robeson. She was billed in January, and wrote that she could not afford to pay at the present, but was greatly interested in S.R.C. and begged our leniency. She is an old person and has to have New South read to her, and she says this is faithfully done. Naturally, we are lenient.

February - Rev. Caxton Doggett. He hasn't paid his dues since last year. He will be dropped in January 1951 if he doesn't make a remittance. He moved to Miami in February, which is why his card was sent you.

Mr. & Mrs. Philip S. May. Their card was sent you because of a change of address. They moved from Mandarin, Fla. to Jacksonville. We have no record of their dues being paid since last year.

March - Miss Pearl Edwards. Her membership was a gift from Mrs. Percy B. Schaker, in March. Through an error, this membership was not entered until August. She was written and all back issues were sent to her. We do owe you $1.50 for one-half of her dues. I'll straighten it out in the next check.

May - Mrs. Olive C. Haskins. She moved to East Point, Fla. from Atlanta. She is a personal friend of ours and Dr. Mitchell served on the Board of an orginization which she headed. She has not paid her dues for several years, but is retained because of her friendship and valuable assistance.

June - Miss Louise Gehan moved from Columbia, Missouri to Tallahassee. Likewise, this is the reason you received a card for her. She has not paid her membership in 1950, and will be dropped in January if she doesn't.

I do hope this throws a sufficient and satisfactory light on your questions about these people. It is a major task to keep up with everybody.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

October 24, 1950

Rev. Harold C. Letts
Secretary for Social Action
Board of Social Missions of
the United Lutheran Church
231 Madison Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Letts:

You were kind to write so helpfully October 18. Of course we are sorry it is not possible for the Church or the Board of Social Missions to help us straight away. But we appreciate the opportunity to be in touch with the people in your various Southern synods. After all, it is just such leading persons who add strength to the Council's work over the South. I have drafted a sample letter (not yet sent) to Mr. Yount. With a change as to names, the same letter would go, for instance, to Dr. Thomas at Miami.

I am anxious not to presume on your kind permission for us to approach the people in the synods. Therefore, I would be most grateful for your review of this letter and for any changes in it that you would think it best to make.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

Send: What kind of south do you want
Herald tribune stories
Race in the news
Greenville survey
Leaflet on survey

Yellow jacket
Sept-Oct. New South
Honest answer

Rev. Royall A. Yount
103 West Fern Street
Tampa, Florida

Dear Mr. Yount:

Some weeks ago our Council appealed to the Board of Social Missions of the United Lutheran Church for direct aid. We are helped substantially each year by various Boards of the Methodist Church and in smaller amounts by the Southern Presbyterians and the Province of Sewanee of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Mr. Harold C. Letts wrote us very kindly that the Church and the Board of Social Missions wanted to support us directly but found that church regulations would not permit central aid of that kind. I therefore am appealing to you and to Dr. Thomas at Miami, as Chairman of the Social Missions Committee, for some contribution to the work of the Council.

We are a non-political, non-denominational body of Southern people, some 3,500 in number, who work in the spirit of reason at improving race relations in the Southern States. We go about it in many ways, placing particular emphasis on material changes which we think will be accompanied by rapid progress in interracial understanding. I cite as ready examples of the kind of thing we do, our encouragement to cities and towns over the South in their employment of increasing numbers of Negro policemen and our work in getting the newspapers in the South to treat news about Negroes with fairness and dignity. We have also had outstanding success with local self-surveys. The device is to get a carefully chosen, strong committee of local persons to find and print the facts about health, housing, education, recreation, etc. The consequences at Jacksonville, Fla., at Greenville, S. C., and in a good many smaller cities, have been remarkable.

I enclose literature enough to give a broad picture of what we do.

We are greatly helped by regular annual contributions to us from various local church bodies. If you could consult with your Florida friends who know us well, and perhaps get in touch with Mr. Letts, to whom we have sent the fullest information, and find a place in your budget for aid to us, we would be exceedingly grateful. It is hard to keep such an organization going. We gain doubly with church friends over the South help to carry the load.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 24, 1950

Professor W. H. Collins
175 Windsor Court
Athens, Georgia

Dear Professor:

At the request of Mr. John Griffin, we are sending you some literature about the Southern Regional Council and about our new campaign "50 for 51".

We are grateful for your interest in this program.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

also to: Mrs. William Hollister
1170 Hancock Drive
Atlanta 6, Georgia

October 24, 1950

Mr. James A. Crain
United Christian Missionary Society
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Mr. Crain:

It was kind of you to write at length on October 19. I am sure your Board would help us if it were possible.

I would be most grateful for a list of pastors of Disciple churches in the South. We would write them and ask their churches to make some small donation to the Council. We count as Southern States those on the enclosed map.

Our Council and its friends all over the South will wish to help your local churches as they share in the task of getting Christianity understood and used.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

October 24, 1950

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Box 652
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Dr. Mitchell tells me you are up to your usual good deeds in trying to find money for the Council.

As a matter of compliance with your state law, we are arming you with this necessary certificate of identification. You will note that we have applied for and obtained the license to solicit funds.

We do appreciate your many efforts, and needless to say, wish you boundless success.

We are still hopeful you will be able to attend the meetings here November 7 and 8.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

October 24, 1950

Miss Ellen Winston, Commissioner
Executive Office
North Carolina Board of Public Welfare
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Miss Winston:

Our many thanks for all your assistance with regard to our application for license to solicit~~ate~~ funds in North Carolina.

The license and your kind letter have been received. We are notifying our officers of the North Carolina Division and providing them with the necessary certificate of identification.

We greatly appreciate your suggestions concerning our application for renewal of the license and your good wishes for the success of the Council's program.

Cordially and sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

October 25, 1950

Miss Harriett Evison
Assistant Secretary
William C. Whitney Foundation
120 Broadway
New York 5, New York

Dear Miss Evison:

We are grateful for your letter of October 23 with its news that we continue in the running.

We will hope eagerly that in December your Directors will find it possible to help us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 25, 1950

Mr. J. L. Clark
Division of Social Science
Sam Houston State Teachers College
Huntsville, Texas

Dear Mr. Clark:

We were very grateful indeed for your letter of October 6 and look forward to your further counsel.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 24

October 25, 1950

Mr. Philip Widenhouse
The Board of Home Missions
of the Congregational and Christian Churches
287 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Widenhouse

Thank you for your check for $37.50 for twenty-five subscriptions for New South.

We greatly appreciate your interest in the Council.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

October 25, 1950

Mr. Art Levin
Anti-Defamation League
11 Pryor Street, S.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Art:

I talked yesterday with Donald Comer about the off-color academy proposed near Birmingham.

All he had heard was that it was to be a religious foundation. He expressed surprise at the news that it was to be jealously Anglo-Saxon. He of course knew in intimate detail the eccentricities of the Mr. Woodward whose will left the money and the efforts to break the will (for family purposes).

Mr. Comer undertook to talk with various friends about the matter.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 25, 1950

Mr. George McMillan
Box 299
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear George:

I am glad your project is still alive.

Here are some items:

1. At Chapel Hill you have Guy Johnson, who was the Council's first Director. You have also, of course, Odum, who was its first President, and who had perhaps most to do with getting it started.

2. As to money. Help has come in the last month from a good many sources, and we are in much better shape, though by no means out of the woods. An anonymous manufacturer with extensive Southern interests gave us a thousand dollars lately. A thousand that had been earlier promised by Cardinal Stritch came through. We applied to the Board of the John Hay Whitney Foundation. It so happened that Mr. Whitney himself read our lengthy memorandum about the Council (copy enclosed). While the Board turned us down, not wishing to create the precedent of helping a going organization (!) Mr. Whitney himself, I understand, said, "Very well, if you won't help them, Mrs. Whitney and I will," and sent us a check for $2,000.00. The United Automobile Workers-CIO sent us five hundred. Earlier in the summer the Textile Workers Union of America-CIO sent us five hundred and the United Steelworkers of America-CIO sent us a thousand. At the end of September, the American Friends Service Committee departed from an almost inviolate rule against giving their Quaker money to non-Quaker causes and handed us a check for a thousand dollars. With these sums and the usual dues and sale of literature, etc., we have been able to meet all our payrolls so far and reduce our current debt to a negligible five or six hundred dollars. I must admit we still owe on long time commitments, $7,500.00. Where next year's money comes from, I don't know. We are always sure of eight or ten thousand in income that is almost automatic. We have current requests before the William C. Whitney Foundation and two or three other smallish foundations. I rather think the Southern Presbyterians will make us a grant for next year, and

the Northern Presbyterians also. I am diligently studying up the Ford Foundation for a major assault.

Here are the more recent issues of New South, which should bring you up on program during the summer. I can lend you a manuscript report on the Home Town Self-Survey. Parts of it are very interesting, particularly the improvements at Greenville after the survey -- Exhibit IX, B -- and the banker's letter -- Exhibit IX, A. Note that it sits in a return envelope and does have to be returned, in just a few days, please.

On money, I forgot to say that the altogether Southern foundation which originally helped the Home Town Self-Survey project with $3,000.00 has promised us another thousand for next year if we can match it with $1,500.00 from other sources. We think we can.

Another enclosure is a statement which we are recommending to our Board for its adoption at its forthcoming meeting November 7, 1950. This is merely the staff's draft. The Board may or may not like the idea. They may alter it very severely, or they may throw it out, but you could seize upon sentences you might like. BUT I STRINGENTLY BIND YOU NOT TO SEND ON FOR PRINT ANY SUCH SENTENCES UNTIL YOU HAVE INFALLIBLY CHECKED WITH US TO SEE THAT THE LANGUAGE DID LIVE IN THE FINAL NOVEMBER 7 STATEMENT, IF ANY. You can find a copy of my thesis up there at Chapel Hill. The University of North Carolina Press has got them, and there will be one in the library.

I don't see why you need come to Atlanta again, though you are warmly welcome at any time.

Best to you both.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

October 25, 1950

Mrs. Leonard Haas
888 Oakdale Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Haas:

The Committee of 100 sponsors contributions to the Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Inc.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

October 25, 1950

Mr. Albert McClellan
Southern Baptist Publishing House
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. McClellan:

My cousin, Archie Robertson, wrote me in cordial praise of you.

I should think you might want to join our Council, in which case I send you a descriptive folder that has a membership blank. But in any case, I am anxious for you to receive our small magazine. So I have mailed off to you this year's back issues, and we will put you down for a free subscription. Our Council is impecunious to an advanced degree, and we are not lavish dispensers of free subscriptions, but I am sure you ought to see New South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

October 25, 1950

Mr. Archie Robertson
1731 New Hampshire Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Archie:

Very nice of you to write. I cherish your news.

I have added the man McClellan to our mailing list and shall surround him gently.

Here is a copy of something the Council of Social Agencies people at Greenville gave me a month ago listing improvements noted at Greenville since the survey.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

October 26, 1950

Mr. George M. Stephens
The Stephens Press
46-48 Walnut Street
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear George:

I have written right away to Bob Weaver, of the John Hay Whitney Foundation, and asked him to send application blanks to the three young men whom Mr. Wilson recommended from Appalachian State Teachers College. I have written directly to President Reid, as enclosed.

I haven't got a supply of the application blanks, so I think other people ought to be referred directly to Mr. Robert C. Weaver, Director, Opportunity Fellowships, John Hay Whitney Foundation, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, New York, for blanks.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

October 26, 1950

Mr. Robert C. Weaver, Director
Opportunity Fellowships
John Hay Whitney Foundation
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Bob:

I made some mention of your fellowships to this excellent man, George Stephens, in Asheville as being a knowledgeable mountainy person.

First fruits of that is the enclosed to him from Chappell Wilson naming three candidates. I take it the candidates -- Jenkins, Ross, and Derrick -- have had no blanks. It would be kind if you could send them blanks.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. Another guy down there who wants dope about the fellowships and maybe two or three blanks is President Paul A. Reid, Western Carolina Teachers College, Cullowhee, North Carolina. I hope you can send him some things.

GSM:er
Encls.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

October 26, 1950

Mr. Paul A. Reid, President
Western Carolina Teachers College
Cullowhee, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Reid:

Mr. George Stephens has asked me to write you about the John Hay Whitney fellowships.

I know about them in general, and I have asked the director of the fellowship program, Mr. Robert Weaver, John Hay Whitney Foundation, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City 20, to write you directly in detail.

My understanding is that, like the Rosenwald fellowships, they are to single out potential talent among people whose abilities would otherwise be unlikely to be brought to flower. I don't know that they have to be at a post-graduate stage, but suppose that the main test is whether they have shown evidence of talent to come. And generally speaking, our fledgling sophomores seldom show all their promise.

I further understand that the thought behind the program is that scholarships should reach relatively disadvantaged groups of people. Most of them will therefore go to the most disadvantaged groups, but some will go to people not the most disadvantaged.

Bob Weaver will send you the real facts, I am sure.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl. (what kind of South)

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

October 26, 1950

Mrs. Hortense Young
818 South 6th Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Young:

Since Dr. Mitchell lastwrote you, several additional vacancies have occurred on the Board of Directors.

Reverend William Marmion has moved out of the region and thus cannot retain his membership on the Board. I understand Miss Cassandra Maxwell (now Mrs. James H. Birnie) has also moved out of the South, but this has not been confirmed. She is planning to attend the meetings this year. It might be wise to have a suggestion in the event that this is another vacancy.

Mrs. Cohn, executive-secretary, of the New Orleans Committee on Race Relations, has been suggested for a four-year term. She has done a capable job of heading the Committee, and would make a good Board member. There is a move on to form a Louisiana Division, S.R.C., and it is possible that Mrs. Cohn would head it.

Miss Caroline Gillespie (on your Nominating Committee) would make an excellent addition to the Board.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

October 26, 1950

Miss Caroline Gillespie
RFD 3
Hartsville, South Carolina

Dear Miss Gillespie:

Since Dr. Mitchell wrote you last, several additional vacancies have occurred on the Board. Rev. William Marmion has moved out of the region and thus will not be able to retain his membership on the Board. It is our understanding that Miss Cassandra Maxwell (now Mrs. James H. Birnie) has moved out of the South, but this has not been confirmed. In the event that this vacancy has been created, a tentative substitution could be suggested. Mrs. Birnie is planning to attend the Board meeting this year.

The Rev. W. W. Wilke should be added because he is Chairman of the new Arkansas Division (formed last Spring). Mrs. Irving Cohn, Executive Secretary of the New Orleans Committee on Race Relations, has been suggested for a four-year term. She has done a capable job of heading the Committee and would make a good Board member. There is a move on to form a Louisiana Division of the Council, and it is possible that Mrs. Cohn would head it.

I have written Mrs. Young about the above vacancies and suggestions. We would also like to suggest Mrs. Hortense Young (Chairman of your Nominating Committee), who would make an excellent addition to the Board.

We all look forward to seeing you soon.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff

NH:er

Secretary-Treasurer

October 26, 1950

Mr. Galen R. Weaver
Race Relations Department
American Missionary Association
287 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Weaver:

My apologies for being so long in answering your good letter of October 5. Part of the delay is pondering.

My guess is that, instead of setting up something new, you ought to put your strength behind any of several things already working at that problem in the South. The people whose active interest you want are for the most part already hooked on to the thing that Forrest Weir does for the Southeastern Intercouncil Office. I have been to two of their biennial conferences. They seem to me sound, brave enough, and promising. The show that Weir runs has the best of official links with the Protestant denominations all over the South. Anything new would be a rival. A new conference or series of conferences would make a splash, and the splash would be helpful, but without official links it seems to me that would hardly make a movement.

You mention the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen. I do not know it intimately, but it shows outward signs of having very little money. Its spirit is crystal pure. Pour some strength into it.

Strengthen my hands. AMA helped us pretty substantially for years. I am most anxious to get them to do so again.

Why not come down yourself and get Forrest Weir and somebody from the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen and somebody from our Council and two or three other informed people together and let us all plan together the most effective way to get things further along?

Sincerely,

GSM:er
Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

October 26, 1950

Mrs. James H. Birnie
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

I got some faint rumor somewhere that you were (a) married, and (b) moved clean out of this part of the world. I was happy about the first and dismal about the second.

Nice to be reassured by notice yesterday that you are still an attorney-at-law at Orangeburg, South Carolina, and that you are coming to our meeting.

We are so glad.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

October 26, 1950

Mrs. James H. Parker
804 Westover Avenue
Norfolk 7, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Parker:

Thank you so much for your nice letter. I was pleased a week or two ago with the bulletin from you. Strong and wise.

We cherish our Norfolk friends and wish often that we could be nearer to them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

October 27, 1950

Miss Lennie Britt, Treasurer
Louisville Conference
Woman's Society of Christian Service
310 East Front Street
Glasgow, Kentucky

Dear Miss Britt:

We are extremely grateful for the generous check for twenty-five dollars from the Louisville Conference, W.S.C.S.

Mrs. McKoy, our former Secretary-Treasurer, is no longer in the state and so I must return your check. If you will write it to me or to The Southern Regional Council, Inc. we will be most grateful.

It is greatly encouraging to have your interest and friendship. Please extend our thanks to your group for their kindness.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

P.S. If you will send us the names of two or three of your officers, we will be happy to enter complimentary subscriptions to New South for them.

October 30, 1950

The Registrar
Tulane University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

One of our members is Dr. Clarence E. Glick, of the Tulane Department of Sociology. Last year, we sent mail to his temporary address, the University of Hawaii. Our membership records showed that this was to continue only until September of 1950.

This fall, we have had returned mail addressed to Dr. Glick at the University of Hawaii, at Tulane University, and at his former home address, 1307 Audubon Street, New Orleans.

Do you have a record of Dr. Glick's present address? If so, we would very greatly appreciate your sending it to us.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rogers
Secretary to the
Executive Director

October 30, 1950

MEMORANDUM

TO: Norma Huff

FROM: George S. Mitchell

At Jackson, Mississippi, a certain Mrs. Ruby Berkeley of that city sought me out. She had at a time some weeks ago, maybe months ago, sent us in five dollars, and then a bit later another five dollars. She had meant the second five dollars to elevate her membership into a sustaining membership. I don't know how explicit she was about that. what we did was to credit her with the second five dollars as a contribution and so to notify her.

She rightly says the matter is of no importance, but nevertheless she brought it up, so I bring it up to you. I suppose the right thing to do is to put it all right and notify her that she is now, with blasts of trumpets, a sustaining member and thank you ma'am and so on.

GSM:er

October 30, 1950

Mr. Arthur W. Mitchell
Box 670
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I don't know how I am to beg your pardon for the weeks which have gone by since I had the pleasure of being in your home and of talking with you about the Council. I wanted to clear all matters with the meeting of the Executive Committee which was then scheduled for late September. That meeting had to be postponed, and then, as no quorum could be expected on the postponed date, the whole meeting had to be called off.

Nevertheless, I have conferred with two or three people on the Executive Committee and feel certain that I would have the full Committee's support in making to you, as I now do, a proposal for you to travel from time to time at the Council's expense in the interest of raising funds for it.

It so happens that the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Council will occur here in Atlanta November 7, and the annual membership meeting the next day. Would it be possible for you to arrange things so that you could be present here for those two days? I thought of it simply as a means of giving you an opportunity to see the Council at work. It would also provide an occasion when you could arm yourself with such further facts about the Council as you might think needful.

Perhaps you and Mrs. Mitchell could drive down together. We would regard your travel as official and would cover it.

We had rather better going in September than we have had for quite a long while. In a thousand here and two thousand there, we received that month, I think, over $5,500. That has enabled

us to be on a better footing, though we still find it difficult indeed to pay our current costs.

It is an act of the very greatest kindness on your part to be willing to give time to helping the Council in its need. Ours is certainly the mind which must grow in the South if we are all to come to the full stature of democracy. And I rejoice that you are willing to help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

CC: Paul D. Williams
Mrs. Norma Huff

October 31, 1950

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
212 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Cohen:

Alex Miller has just told me about your kind interest in the Council's "Manual for the Home Town Self-Survey". I do hope you can help us make a revised printed edition of it available. Every day brings us new requests for it from communities, large and small, over the South -- requests that, at the moment, we can do nothing about.

As I have told Alex, the Manual can get used where other materials cannot, because it takes Southern attitudes carefully into account. It is the only complete guide of its kind that is acceptable in Southern communities.

As further evidence of the Manual's usefulness, enclosed is a typewritten summary of the most recent results of the Greenville, S. C., self-survey. As you know, the Manual and the Council's advisory services were used in that survey.

I might tell you, too, how pleased we are at the opportunity to serve as publishing agency for the study prepared by Alex and Mozell Hill. It is an excellent job and should do a lot to awaken the South to the need for greater protection of the person.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

enc.

October 31, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

As a committee to do the annual-meeting planning that the Executive Committee would have had to do, we picked Glenn Rainey, John Griffin, and Grace Hamilton. They met here one day last week with us. They got enthusiastic about an idea (mainly their own) of making the Board members and everyday members do nearly all the thinking and talking themselves. Here are the agendas which, on their ideas, the staff has worked out. They made the criticism, which I think is quite valid, that year after year we have brought to a table leadership people from over the South and dully reported to them. They are a great resource of policy and program, and we ought to tap them for that.

It makes a set of meetings entirely different from what we have done before, but I think well worth trying.

It relieves you of any speech at all on the day of the Board meeting (except that you are to urge the Board to use its division into groups to cast up for us policy and program).

We put you down for fifteen or twenty minutes near the beginning of the membership meeting November 8, hoping that you would proffer and invite policy. I think the ideas you outlined to Fleming fit admirably there, and Fleming will duly do his part toward getting them into neat compass. And I will add to the notes for you the business about two democracies.

I think that putting your talk further down into the meeting would destroy the sequence which the little committee so carefully planned of discussion sections, adjourning for lunch, and then coming back as a whole body. So unless you greatly prefer it, I will leave the agenda as is. But we can certainly change it to suit what you decide is best.

Mrs. Tilly brought us a few minutes ago fine news of a newly launched

Louisiana Division organized October 30. Seventy-five or eighty people present. More white than Negro, which is the reverse of the usual. Various of your New Orleans friends were active in getting it going. They chose Mrs. Cohn as temporary chairman of the State Division, but I think did that because of the absence at other meetings of the Dillard University people and most of the Jewish people. At a January meeting they will choose a permanent person. Mrs. Tilly also attended the meeting of the Arkansas Division, which is getting along all right. So now we are organized everywhere except in Oklahoma -- though there is still the queer situation in Virginia.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encl.

CC: Harold C. Fleming

October 31, 1950

Mrs. William C. White
The Methodist Parsonage
Okeechobee, Florida

Dear Mrs. White:

I have made a reservation for Mrs. Starr also at the Atlantan and am notifying her today. We all look forward to seeing you both next week.

Unfortunately, Dr. Mitchell has had a long standing speaking engagement in Kentucky for the date of your annual meeting. He does send his regrets over this conflict and wishes it were possible for him to be present. I have been named as his second lieutenant in this case and will be glad to help in anyway I can.

Some worthwhile proposals will probably come out of the annual membership meeting, November 8th, which will be of interest to the Florida members and I shall be glad to make this report to them or talk on another suitable subject which you suggest. We should manage to find time while you are here to discuss this.

I am afraid that my last letter to you was rushed to the point of being clipped and misunderstood, but I assure you that we were glad to furnish you with this information. I do hope you will always feel free to write me such questions any time. As I mentioned before, we have had snarls in the record keeping due to illness and change in personnel, and we are happy to have the opportunity to clear up our records.

I have November 17th on my calendar. What is the best way to get to Winter Park by train and by automobile?

Our kindest regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

November 1, 1950

Mr. J. Obert Kempson
Drawer 189
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Kempson:

I am glad to have your letter of October 26, and glad you and the others are working on Practical Aims.

Here is a list of things that would be good for any Southern state or community:

More industry
A more equalitarian pattern of farm land ownership
Wider use of the ballot
Election and appointment of Negro office holders -- particularly on policy boards (school boards, prison boards, hospital boards, etc.)
Equal schools
Negro police officers
Housing, urban and rural
Vigorous measures for public health
Equal treatment in the courts.

Most of these needs come to the surface when a town does a self-survey. Greenville has led the way on this, most resultfully. Rock Hill is s tarting one about now. Why not Orangeburg and Hartsville and Ninety-Six (Six Mile, too, for that matter)? Truly, that is the practical way to get things done. And it's democratic. It's troublesome, but it's painless.

Otherwise, I would work hardest for equal schools everywhere and for a public opinion in the State that would press toward a more democratic pattern in farm land ownership and operation. I don't see how we are ever to achieve read freedom in the South as long as a huge proportion of our people are caught in the dependency of ten-

ant farming or sharecropping.

Another useful thing to work at is the opening of professional associations. In South Carolina, the State bar and the social workers have led the way, but your teachers' associations are (widely) separate, and the dentists and doctors and nurses are separate.

Still another is to work at fair and dignified handling of news about Negroes. I realize that many papers are doing a lot better in the last year. But there are still many papers that have not changed, and few have changed enough. In a year's time your Division, by diligent committee visits to local editors, could sharply improve all of the papers -- except, of course, those two, three, or four which will cherish monumentally their bad habits.

Here comes a period of intensive war preparation. You will have already felt around Columbia the increasing strains in matters racial of this new time. I suggest that all over the South we should now revive in vigor our habit of meeting locally on an interracial basis. The object would be to do what can be done now and to build acquaintance and preparedness for still greater strains to come.

Lastly, let's do some thinking about how to get our two school systems to inform our two sets of children about each other.

Do send me what you finally recommend.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 1, 1950

Mr. Alfred Mynders
The Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mynders:

That was nice of you to help with John Martin, and nice also of Martin to come through with a sustaining membership.

We have had a request before the Executive Committee of the ILGWU for some weeks, though I must admit we have never had formal acknowledgment from them. Paul Williams was in New York day before yesterday and was to try to be in touch with Dubinsky or his people.

I am mighty sorry about the bad date for the Board and annual meetings. It is set by the by-laws and we were not alert enough to invoke months ago the procedures for setting another date. We will greatly miss you.

I have written John Martin and thanked him.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 1, 1950

Mr. John S. Martin
I.L.G.W.U.
1024 Hamilton National Bank Bldg.
Chattanooga 1, Tennessee

Dear John:

We are deeply grateful to you for the $10.00, which makes you a Sustaining Member of the Council.

It was kind of you also to get in touch with President Dubinsky.

The Council has a request before the Executive Committee of the ILGWU for a substantial contribution. We have had goodish sums in the last few months from trade unions of steelworkers, automobile workers, and textile workers, and we hope most earnestly that the ILGWU will help us.

Remember me kindly, please, to Mrs. Martin.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Sent 3 copies of Sept Oct. New South

November 1, 1950

Mr. Sidney R. Redmond
2103 A Market Street
St. Louis 3, Missouri

Dear Mr. Redmond:

You will be interested in this last issue of New South.

We continue to hope that you will like the idea of helping us get out the magazine.

I renew my offer to come to St. Louis or to Jackson for conversation with you as to the possibility.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

November 1, 1950

Miss Margaret McCulloch
858 Waitford Place
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Miss McCulloch:

Thank you for your card.

We have never gotten any action from Mr. Sidney Redmond, Jr., though we have continued to send him from time to time reminders of the usefulness of New South.

We have understood that Mr. Redmond, Jr. was thinking of making arrangements to get a book done about his father as a memorial. Our suggestion has been that, in addition to doing a book, he enable us to continue to get out New South, which could then carry on each issue evidence that it is produced as a memorial to Mr. Redmond.

I don't know Mr. Walker, of the Universal Life Insurance Company of Memphis, and have done nothing toward interesting him in speaking to Mr. Sidney Redmond, Jr. I still think it would be helpful if you would seek out Mr. Walker and talk to him about the whole idea.

We had a fortunate September and took in goodish amounts from various sources, so our debts at least are in order. We continue to live from hand to mouth, but are getting accustomed to it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 1, 1950

Mr. Gilbert J. Balkin
Anti-Defamation League
330 Seybold Building
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Mr. Balkin:

That was very kind of you to send the editorial from the Miami Herald.

I have been working on some of my friends at Miami University toward getting a trip to your territory about snow time and hope I will succeed. If so, I will pay you a visit, of course.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 1, 1950

Mr. H. L. Mitchell, President
National Farm Labor Union
726 Ninth Street, N.W.
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear H. L.:

You were a good egg to send us five real dollars. And I am sure your hand was heavy in the kind purpose of the National Sharecroppers Fund to make us a grant of $1500. We will try to do something good about the pamphlet they want us to get out.

I will come and see you when I can get to Washington. I don't know anything I had rather see flourish than the Farm Labor Union.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 1, 1950

Mrs. St. Julien Childs
73 King Street
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Childs:

That was as kind as could be of you, and I dare say of various of your friends, to provide Mr. Mommsen with friendliness and some insight into the things Charleston understands so well.

I hear you got back on the Monday and provided him a dinner. How very kind.

He was a nice man, and had somewhere got hold of the very smart idea of having himself handed about from town to town by the League of Women Voters. It gave him a brand new circuit, and he was mighty lucky.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 1, 1950

Miss Rebecca Reid
29 East Calhoun Street
Sumter, South Carolina

Dear Rebecca:

That was exceedingly kind of you to do so many things to make Dr. Mommsen's visit so agreeable. He wrote me in warm praise of you and of Sumter and of Mr. Dabbs and of the various friends you went to see.

He is the only one of the many Germans I have dealt with in the last eight or ten months who was making his own path around the United States. And did he tell you he had chosen an odd but most effective chain for getting him moved about? 'Twas the League of Women Voters. They gave him the real facts and sent him to the nicest of people in town after town.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 1, 1950

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Route 1
Maysville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

That was very kind indeed of you to be kind to Mr. Mommsen. I know the quality of your kindness.

And I praise warmly the letter you sent out October 20 to all your members. You will have a good crowd.

Mrs. Tilly organized on October 30 the Louisiana Division of the Council. Enthusiastic first meeting at Baton Rouge. So now we are at work in an organized way in every Southern state except Oklahoma. The Virginia arrangement is peculiar, but then any Virginia arrangement always is.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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November 1, 1950

Mrs. Hortense Young
818 South 6th Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Young:

Add items about Board membership.

Former Congressman Arthur W. Mitchell of Chicago, as you perhaps know, settled near Petersburg, where he farms and engages in good works. He offered some weeks ago to help the Council raise money, and to do it for no more than his travel expenses. He has already sent in memberships from a number of people which he got at church and other meetings. For this or that reason of delay, I have only just lately made the arrangement formal.

I think it would be rather a good thing if he were nominated to be a member of the Board. But I am not the one to judge that, and you have resources for deciding. So please do what you and your advisers think is right. My feeling is that, as he is a dignitary who is willing to help us, we should reward him in courtesy with some voice in the show. But again, you judge.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Enclose:

Greenville's big idea
Leaflet about the survey

November 1, 1950

Miss Roberta Morgan, Executive Director
Social Service Exchange
309 North 23rd Street
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Miss Morgan:

The officers of the Alabama Division are as follows:

Chairman: Mr. A. D. Beittel, President, Talladega College, Talladega
Vice Chairman: Mr. H. C. Trenholm, President, State Teachers College, Montgomery
Secretary: Dean C. G. Gomillion, Box 31, Tuskegee Institute
Treasurer: Mr. A. D. Shores, 1630 Fourth Avenue, North Birmingham.

The New Orleans Committee on Race Relations may be reached through its Executive Secretary, Mrs. Irving Cohn, 1122 Lowerline Street, New Orleans.

Since I wrote you the other day, a meeting in Baton Rouge has organized with much enthusiasm a Louisiana Division of the Southern Regional Council. It elected as its temporary chairman the same Mrs. Irving Cohn, who for the time being presides over both the Louisiana Division and its quasi-autonomous affiliate, the New Orleans Committee on Race Relations.

Have you seen the report on the Greenville, S.C., survey? They have been greatly pleased.

Our Council and all its parts and friends would like to help you in every way.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 1, 1950

Mr. Shelby A. Robert, Jr.
3380 North Dickerson Street
Arlington, Virginia

Dear Shelby:

I haven't been to Washington for a good while. You may be very sure that when I get there I will light on the Roberts' doorstep.

I have read most of what the Ford Foundation has put out. Their fundamental document is astoundingly modern and liberal. For instance, they set forth as a master freedom to be protected in our society, freedom of association. I thought I was the only guy alive who understood that was the key to the whole works. It delights me to find that Mr. Ford understands it, too.

I don't know a thing about the staff they are building up. They will be very smart indeed to take you on. If you want me to write to them and tell them about you, I will be glad to, but I have no more standing with them than you have.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 1, 1950

Mr. Quintin Whyte
Midston House
22 East 38th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Whyte:

We are still recalling with much pleasure the visit of the Whytes.

Southern cities have a great variety of patterns of Negro and white housing. I don't know anything in print that summarizes these patterns, though the sociologists must have written something. Your best book on the whole problem of housing and race in the North is by Robert C. Weaver: 1948, Harcourt, Brace & Co., called The Negro Ghetto.

In slavery times, of course, the pattern was backyard housing. A good many Southern cities still perserve in part variations of that pattern. I am told that at Macon, Georgia, alleys and courtyards behind the flossiest homes in town contain Negro slums. For villages and towns, the usual pattern is a concentration of Negro shacks in some undesirable quarter. Homes are built for them on hilly land or near a creek bottom or along one side of the railroad track. Cheap homes on cheap land. Traditionally, the rent on Negro homes has been somewhere between four and ten dollars a month. Fifteen is high. Streets in such Negro districts are usually unpaved and seldom smoothed. Sidewalks are literally footpaths. In such a town, practically all the Negro inhabitants will live in the Negro district. It is apt to be called a "Hill" whether it is in a bottom or on a flat.

When you get up to city size, you are apt to find one large area given over to Negro housing, and a few other smaller areas. Often the other small areas were once suburban subsistence settlements, now engulfed.

Atlanta has still another pattern. Fifty years ago here, business

people lived within a few blocks of the center of the city and walked to work. Now such people have of course moved way out, and a Negro slum collars the office buildings downtown.

Encroachment is a fierce matter. The Supreme Court has struck down time and again local zoning ordinances based on race. Still there are Southern towns brash and tough enough to enact new ordinances which they know are unconstitutional, but the downing of which will take months or years. Birmingham currently has such an ordinance. Atlanta has lately worked out a most curious device. Dealers in real estate must be licensed by a State board. If such a dealer assists the purchase of white property by a Negro,(or presumably vice versa) his license will be lifted. One of the principal real estate operators in the city is currently under suspension of license for this cause. It cannot be lawful, and eventually it will be altered. But it suffices for a while. From time to time in areas where encroachment is under way, agreements will be negotiated by the leading persons of both races as to a "line." Such arrangements in my experience are kept for months or a year or two, and then violated. Atlanta has a man named Joe Wallace White, who periodically agitates the whole question of holding the Negroes in their present areas. He can and does summon mobs of white people in an effort to intimidate Negroes who have purchased in hitherto white areas or who propose to purchase. Dynamite has been used in some of these areas where such agitations occur. You will understand that, generally speaking, the sort of white mechanics' area that will be threatened by Negro encroachment will have homes not expensive to begin with and salable only at a great loss if sold to whites. Yet if they are sold to Negroes, they are salable at good round figures, partly because Negroes have to have more room and will pay to get it, and partly because a house occupied by Negroes will often have many breadwinners in several families who can and will pay in all a sizable rent.

There are cities in the South where white and Negro residences are interspersed haphazardly. On a given block, three Negro homes and then six white ones. Across the street from each other, white and Negro families. New Orleans has much of that. It works all right.

Slum clearance is a matter of conforming to the regulations of whatever Federal agency is at work for the time being. Generally speaking, the deal since about 1936 has been one under which a local Housing Authority issues bonds (which I believe the Federal housing outfit buys) which enjoy a government guarantee and therefore yield a low rate of interest. With the proceeds of the bond issue, houses are built. Rents are then fixed at roughly the figure that willmcover the cost of maintenance and management. By a complicated transaction, the Federal housing agency pays each local Housing Authority enough money each year to enable the local Housing Authority to pay the Federal housing agency the interest on the bonds. They tell you that this is not the deal, but I have studied the Act and, as far as I can see, it is the deal. Whenever Congress opens up and provides money, we move ahead with slum clearance in this pattern. In the South, we cleared Negro areas and built new homes for Negroes, and vice versa for whites. In the North, agi-

tation increases to open slum clearance projects to everybody. A good deal of this is being done. Some fussing at first, but soon things settled down. A device much used in the North to exclude categories of persons by race or religion is called the restrictive covenant. As you will be told, the Supreme Court has only lately, but repeatedly, held the courts cannot assist the enforcement of such covenants. In Southern cities these covenants are much used in flossy suburbs, but are little used in the close-packed parts of the towns and cities.

Our largest cities have gone into zoning by types of occupancy -- industry, business, residents, etc. I suppose there is some cheating on this in order to bend the device to serve the purpose of residential exclusion, but I have no instances to cite.

Here is a Southern Regional Council pamphlet about housing and a more recent leaflet about small-town public housing, plus another article on the subject.

Do tell somebody up there that the man Mitchell ought to be sent over to Africa. I want to go.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

November 1, 1950

Mr. Donald Comer
Avondale Mills
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Comer:

It was a special joy to have you in our home the other day.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 1, 1950

Mr. Channing H. Tobias, Director
The Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Tobias:

Please accept our many thanks for your continued interest in the Council's program.

We are greatly encouraged that New South has merited your generous contribution, and hope that future issues will continue to justify your faith in its value.

Our sincere appreciation is extended to the Phelps-Stokes Fund for their great kindness.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh
Encl.

November 1, 1950

Dr. B. Joseph Martin
Methodist College Foundation
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Martin:

We are sending you information about the Southern Regional Council at the request of Miss Mary Floyd of Misenheimer, North Carolina. She thought you would be particularly interested in the article by Dr. Benjamin E. Mays in the September-October issue of our publication, New South.

We extend you a cordial invitation to join the Council. A membership blank is contained in the enclosed "What Kind of South do you Want?".

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

November 1, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mohr
65 Overbrook Road
Rochester, New York

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Mohr:

Mr. John Harmon of St Paul's Church has recently sent us you generous contribution.

We are most grateful for your interest and are entering a sustaining membership for you. Our publication, New South, and other pamphlets issued throughout the year will be sent to you.

We do hope you will find our literature interesting and invite your comment and suggestions about the Council's work.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

Sent: What kind of south do you want

November 2, 1950

Mr. Andrew Branche
Southern Normal School
Brewton, Alabama

Dear Mr. Branche:

On behalf of President Paul Williams of the Council, I acknowledge with appreciation your letter of October 31 about Dr. J. Mitchell Pilcher.

The Southern Regional Council has no scholarship program (though I wish we had) and the best I could do was to send information about Mr. Pilcher's daughter on to the John Hay Whitney Foundation in New York, which does offer scholarships in certain cases.

We are glad to know more about Mr. Pilcher, and shall try to link him to what our Council does.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

November 2, 1950

Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
Dept of Economics and Sociology
Virginia Union University
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mr. Hancock:

After many delays, I did get off a letter to Mr. Arthur Mitchell on October 30. In it I told him that an arrangement with him was confirmed (he most generously will from time to time travel on our behalf and at our expense, but without salary). I went on to suggest that the annual meeting would be a good time for him to see the organization at work and asked him to come down at Council expense for the Board meeting and for the membership meeting. I do hope he will.

The day after my letter to him went out, here came in a letter from him saying that he had been down in the eastern part of the state talking here and there and had collected several memberships for us. He sent in the checks. That was an act of great kindness.

I have further suggested to Mrs. Hortense Young in Louisville (chairman of the committee of the membership to make nominations to the Board) that her committee take under advisement the nomination of Mr. Mitchell to be a member of the Board.

It would be kind of you to be in touch with Mrs. Young before or at the meeting, in order that she may have your views.

We do hope you are coming down for the meeting. We will need you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 2, 1950

Mr. M. A. F. Ritchie
Department of Human Relations
University of Miami
Coral Gables 46, Florida

Dear Mr. Ritchie:

Many thanks for your letter of October 26. I send you separately a stack of giveaways about SRC.

Student memberships are on a trial-and-error basis with us. Formally, we don't offer a special kind of membership for students. But in a couple of cases we have done so, and we are willing to do it more widely. Part of the difficulty is the money end, and part of it is what you spoke of -- the high possibility that a student organization using our name would commit us to positions which large parts of our membership are not prepared for. The answer on the second would be a close relationship with responsible faculty people such as yourself and Don Sprague.

The answer on the money end is simple, though it looks complicated. The right charge is $1.00. But it costs us nearly $2.00 to produce and mail out New South. As we are chronically broke, we have no way of providing this subsidy. So we simply do it and add the cost to our general brokeness. Then there is the problem of a dues relationship with the treasury of the State Division. You will recall that of each $3.00 of ordinary dues sent in by a Council member, this office sends back $1.50 to the treasury of the State Division. If on student memberships we follow that reasonable precedent, the subsidy element hereabouts gets insupportable.

Fortunately, you have, right there in Miami, the means of deciding what to do. The Chairman of the Florida Division is Mr. W. W. Gibbs, Ingraham Building, Miami. Talk over with him what you would like to do. Tell him for us that we will be agreeable to virtually anything the Florida Division wishes to do about it. The matter

can come to an early decision because the Florida Division is to have its annual membership meeting at Winter Park on November 17. So you will need to consult Gibbs before and maybe after that meeting.

I wrote a longish letter about the Council to two of your students, Mr. Irwin Block and Mr. Thomas R. Norwalk, in answer to a circular from them querying all sorts of organizations. I had had an earlier communication from Mr. Norwalk.

What would you think of picking up the threads of a Miami area chapter of the Council's general membership and arranging for that chapter to recruit to its membership a good number of students? Then they could meet ordinarily together. I don't know why students need to be isolated from the citizen body about them. I know there are problems of distance, but they ought not to be insurmountable.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 2, 1950

Rev. J. L. Flaherty
Superintendent of Schools
Diocese of Richmond
807 Cathedral Place
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Father Flaherty:

That was very kind indeed of you to send the check for sixty dollars. It is a generous amount, and we are most grateful.

I don't know when I have had a more appreciative audience. I liked them, and I enjoyed the whole occasion.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 2, 1950

Mrs. Virginia Lacy Jones
School of Library Service
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Jones:

I will do whatever you want done about the book review November 14 and a cut-down transcription, and so on.

A problem about the transcription, though, is that I will be taking a midnight plane the 14th for New York. Maybe we ought to do that part of it in the daytime on November 14. We have a Soundscriber, if that is what you use.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 2, 1950

Mrs. Henry Havens
2845 Corinthian Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mrs. Havens:

You and the Province of Sewanee rejoiced us greatly with that kind check that came in yesterday. We are grateful for it in many ways.

We had a good month in September. The American Friends Service Committee sent us a thousand dollars. So did a cotton manufacturer. So did a cardinal. A philanthropist in New York sent us two thousand. The Auto Workers sent us five hundred. So we were able to pay our debts (at any rate, our current ones). It is a great relief to get the State Divisions paid up all around. Things look a little clearer for us in the immediate future, but I, at any rate, have become a little callous about living hand to mouth.

Henry, Jr., will write you that we got a Louisiana Division going the other day with a meeting at Baton Rouge. Well attended and with a good deal of enthusiasm, I am told. They made Mrs. Cohn temporary chairman until they can meet again in January and pick a permanent slate of officers.

I am sending Norma Huff, as the new Secretary-Treasurer, to your meeting at Winter Park. I hope you will be there.

I met lately with the Mississippi Division. They are quite useful in the state. Mrs. Tilly tells me Arkansas is going all right. Tennessee is much in the doldrums. North Carolina is supposed to have its first proper annual meeting fairly soon. South Carolina meets November 9 at Columbia. Your friends at Norfolk continue to be active. They are doing a series of meetings which explore the problems of "employment by merit."

We are scratching together agenda and reports for the forthcoming meeting. It would be a pleasure for all of us if you would come up for it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 2, 1950

Mrs. Henry Havens
2845 Corinthian Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mrs. Havens:

We are most grateful to the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Province of Sewannee for their generous contribution. You know how much it means to us all, and we hope you will extend our many thanks to them.

The annual meeting rush is on and we are all busy trying to get everything done. I do hope you are planning on coming this year to offer some of your own sound judgement. The meeting has been planned to include discussion groups dealing with the Council's program as it can help the South's progress and problems. It will be interesting to see what thinking comes out of this discussion arrangement, and we hope it will stimulate the membership to action. Try and get here. We do need you.

Thanks again for that wonderful check and your kindness in sending it.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

November 2, 1950

Mr. Arthur W. Mitchell
Box 670
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

We do appreciate your many efforts on behalf of Southern Regional Council. Your check for thirty-three dollars was received and the memberships entered.

We have sent on to you the material you requested and will be glad to supply you with more if you wish. Our many thanks for your good work.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.)Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:blj

November 3, 1950

Mr. John Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

When I got back from my last trip to North Carolina, I wrote McNeill Poteat and very strongly, but I hope politely enough, urged him to take the chairmanship of a committee on which you and Gurney Hood would be willing to serve. (I had had Gurney Hood's agreement.)

McNeill wrote me October 31 that he just couldn't do it, as he had taken on flocks of committees and they ran him ragged. He was very courteous and explanatory. I have written him back and asked him to suggest another chairman.

Meanwhile, can you think some more about that?

I failed to see your friend at Johnson C. Smith. He was away when I went through Charlotte.

I don't think anybody could want a stronger committee than you and Gurney Hood. Such a committee seeking a chairman is an anomaly.

I do hope you can be here for the meetings.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 3, 1950

Rev. Edwin McNeill Poteat
Pullen Memorial Baptist Church
Hillsboro Street & Cox Avenue
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear McNeill:

I am mighty sorry you can't do the North Carolina job, but I respect your reasons and will just have to sit with my sorrow.

Meanwhile, who do you think might do it, and do it well? Mind you, there is good timber under here. Wheeler and Gurney Hood will work. But they both want a chairman.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 3, 1950

Miss Emily Clay
1020 Granada Street
Clearwater, Florida

Dear Emily:

Nice to hear from you and to have your encouraging clippings.

We still limp, but because of a good September, when various outfits sent us altogether $5,500, we limp less badly.

Anna Warwick is back in town. Ray has a job running a paper for the Steelworkers. Anna, bless her, comes down here as a volunteer maybe half a day a week to help us catch up with filing.

I think you belong on the Board, but it so happens that you are in the Class of 1950. In deference to your wish, I will do nothing toward putting before the Nominating Committee a proposal to re-elect you. So we aren't accepting your resignation, but are simply letting your place give out.

We have flocks of vacancies and don't need another, and are sorry to drop your name from the list. But we know we can get you to help, always.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ar

November 3, 1950

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
CIO Organizing Committee
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

You are so right about the meeting being on election day. The by-laws of the Council require the annual meeting to be on the second Wednesday in November. But there is an escape clause which I could have invoked, but didn't know about until too late.

None of the newspaper people can come for the same reason.

Next year we'll do better.

Many thanks for working with John Martin. I will keep on being hopeful.

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM.er

November 3, 1950

Rev. H. Brent Schaeffer
1525 Robinson Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Schaeffer:

On behalf of the whole Council, I thank you most warmly for your good, long period of responsible leadership of the Mississippi Division.

We recognize the enthusiasm of the Mississippi membership, but can see that it has been in large part an enthusiasm which rallied around your wisdom and courage.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 3, 1950

Mrs. Ruby S. Lyells
1116 Montgomery Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

I thank you and the Mississippi Division for that most generous $50.00 check, which fully covered my expenses in attending that good meeting. I would have gone for free, of course, but it does help our lameness to have your good check.

I am proud of the Mississippi Division for having such a good meeting, such a good treasury, and such a good treasurer.

We are hoping you will be here next Tuesday and Wednesday. We understand Mr. Long is coming.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 3, 1950

Mr. William Kaufman
P. O. Box 1561
Mobile 9, Alabama

Dear Mr. Kaufman:

Mr. Johnstone the former executive secretary of the Community Chest is a member of the Southern Regional Council.

This membership was given him by the chest, and he has requested us to send our literature to you on his membership. I enclose the recent issue of our publication, New South, and a list of our publications.

We do hope that you will find our literature helpful.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:blj
enc.

November 3, 1950

Mr. C. A. L. Johnstone
26 Blackslawn
Mobile 17, Alabama

Dear Mr. Johnstone:

Thank you for your letter of October 27.

While it is not possible to transfer your membership to Mr. Kaufman, we would be glad to send him your copies of New South. We will notify Mr. Kaufman we are doing this at your request.

Please let us know if this arrangement is not satisfactory to you. We do appreciate your interest in the Council and hope that you will wish to retain your membership and receive our publications.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:blj

November 3, 1950

Mr. Herman Packard
Wesley Foundation
University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mr. Packard:

We received your postal note for $1.50 for a subscriptio
to the magazine "Social Action." We do not carry the
magazine "Social Action," however, we are sending you
our monthly magazine New South and entering a subscripti
for you.

If this is not what you want, your money will be re-
turned to you.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Bertha L. Johnson
Membership Secretary

blj

November 3, 1950

Mr. Harold L. Trigg
St. Augustine's College
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Harold:

I saw your letter to Norma Huff. We are all delighted you can come for the 7th and 8th. I made something of a bust in letting the Board meeting be put on election day (notwithstanding mandates in the by-laws) and have been panned some for it, but anyway I am glad you are coming.

I am saving the guest room at my house for you. We will have cold supper, as Alice is an election clerk all day the 7th and deep into the 8th. The best thing to do will be to get off at Emory at 7:00 or 7:10 the morning of the 7th. I will meet you there and take you home and give you some breakfast.

Unless you let me know to the contrary, I will expect to see you peeling off the Comet at Emory University Station at 7 A.M. Tuesday, November 7.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 3, 1950

The Rev. William H. Marmion
St. Andrew's Church
Shipley at Eighth
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Mr. Marmion:

I daresay Mrs. Huff will write you also. We are mighty sorry to lose you from the South and from Birmingham. Mr. Beittel made your loss dramatic by sending us quite a large check of monies left over from whatever occasion in Birmingham marked your leaving.

I hear from Miss Roberta Morgan that an official interracial committee, helped by the Community Chest, is going to take on in Birmingham the sort of job the Urban League would have done. I know very little about it, but think I would have preferred an Urban League.

I lived in Newark, Delaware, from 1914 to 1920 and came remotely under the kindness of Bishop Kinsman, whose career in the Episcopal Church I am sure you will find revered. He used to come frequently to one of the fraternity houses of Delaware College. The house was under the dictatorship of an elderly Negro called Colonel. Colonel one morning, hearing that the bishop was to come, posted a notice on the kitchen door: "The bishop is coming. No cussing." Bishop Kinsman arrived at an unexpectedly early hour, when the house was empty. He took down the notice, put it in his pocket, and put it upon his episcopal desk at Wilmington.

I do hope you will become a familiar at the College. It is a good one.

As for Board membership, etc. Sadly, you are right. As you have moved out of the "Council area," we do lose you as a Board member, but not as a member, we deeply hope. The for-

mal thing is that you now become an Associate Member. That gives you full voice, but no vote.

Good fortune to all of you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Sent: New South March 1948
" " Sept-Oct. 1950
What kind of South Do you want

November 3, 1950

Mr. Harry L. Payne, Jr.
1218 "H" Street, N. E.
Washington 2, D. C.

Dear Mr. Payne:

Here is a copy, gladly for free, of the issue of New South you wanted. I send an earlier one also, with an article by Ira Reid.

What think you of becoming an Associate Member of our Council and sending us $3.00 and receiving our maggie straight along?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

November 3, 1950

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
315 A City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

I am honored to be chairman at the breakfast Thursday, November 16, at 8:30. I will be on hand and will try to do my duty.

In any table of precedence, Charles Johnson comes way ahead of me, but I will tamely take orders from the Program Chairman.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 3, 1950

The Rector
St. Thomas' Protestant Episcopal Church
Newark, Delaware

My dear Sir:

As a member of your parish some thirty years ago, I make bold to urge upon you an acquaintance with the new rector of St. Andrew's in Wilmington, the Rev. Mr. William H. Marmion. He took up his duties there September 15, coming from St. Mary's in the Highlands in Birmingham, Alabama.

You will see from my letterhead my current interests. Mr. Marmion, during his considerable period in Birmingham, was active in furthering interracial understanding in his city and in his state. And his church was hospitable time and again to causes stronger, let us hope, in the future than at the time being.

He is both courageous and wise, and he carries people with him.

I bespeak, therefore, your kind welcome, and express the hope that Mr. Marmion may in some way be tied in with Newark and with Delaware College. I have written also in this vein to my friends, Dean and Mrs. Squire, at the College.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 3, 1950

Mrs. Marjorie Johnson Squire
Kells
Depot Road
Newark, Delaware

Dear Marjorie:

I forget about your church connections. I haven't many myself. But I would like somebody at the College to know about the moving to Wilmington of a good egg. He is William H. Marmion, who on September 15 became rector of St. Andrew's Church in Wilmington. He had for a good many years a brave church in Birmingham. A variety of good causes, including interracial ones, found shelter in his parish house. He is thoughtful and wise, and he carries people with him.

I will write to the rector of St. Thomas's in Newark, whoever the good gentleman may now be, and speak in praise of Mr. Marmion. But I thought it would be nice if someone in the College were aware of this good man within reach and if some opportunity might be taken to knit him into the College.

My warm regards to Mr. Squire and Mrs. Johnson.

I am a long way off, but some good part of my spirit still floats around Red Man's Grove and cherishes pig sticking time and potato digging with the Keeleys and the Doyles' on Depot Road.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 3, 1950

Dear Mr. Williams:

We have reserved a single room and bath for you at the Pershing Hotel for Tuesday night. The hotel is at 1428 Peachtree Street (known locally as Pershing Point). The downtown hotels are full up for Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

We are so glad you approve of the agenda.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff

NH:br

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

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November 3, 1950

MEMORANDUM

TO: Norma Huff

From: George S. Mitchell

I am supposed to go to the Board meeting of the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials in New York November 15, 16, and 17. I have to come back by Berea, Ky. to be there the 17 and 18. The Berea part will be paid for. The New York part won't.

Air coach fare Atlanta New York is $38.93, including tax. I have reserved a seat on Flight 534-W in the small morning hours of November 15.

This has to be picked up on or before Wednesday, November 8.

So please try to squooge me out a check for that amount before then.

It will also take about another $75.00 to get me home. Of that total amount ($113.93) I suppose we will be reimbursed about $25.00 by Berea.

GSM:er

November 3, 1950

Piedmont Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Attention Reservations

Dear Sir:

The following is the list of our members for whom we have reservations at the Piedmont.

Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Chapel Hill, N.C. - November 7th
Dr. R. D. Wellons, Pembroke, N.C. - November 7th and 8th
Mr. Marion A. Wright, Linville Falls, N.C. - November 7th

Please ask our guests to settle their accounts with you.

We appreciate your yearly cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

November 4, 1950

Mrs. C. C. Nabrit
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Nabrit:

Last week I requested your secretary to make arrangements for two of our members to be accommodated at the University during their attendance at our meetings.

Since then, one of the members has decided to stay with friends. We will still need accommodations for Mr. C. H. Parrish of Louisville, Kentucky. He will need these accommodations November 6 and 7.

Please let us know if this is not satisfactory.

We are very grateful for your yearly cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

November 4, 1950

Imperial Hotel
355 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Attention: Reservations

Dear Sirs:

This will confirm our reservation, made by telephone, for Mrs. Cohn of New Orleans.

Her reservation is for November 7th and 8th. We have not yet had notice of her time of arrival, but she has been written that you will hold her reservation until 6:00 p.m. unless notified.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

November 4, 1950

Hotel Royal
214 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Attention: Reservations

Dear Sir:

This will confirm our reservation, made by telephone, for Mr. G. D. Rogers of Tampa, Florida.

Mr. Rogers' reservations are for November 6,7, and 8.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

November 4, 1950

Pershing Hotel
1428 Peachtree Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Attention: Reservations

Dear Sir:

This will confirm our reservations, made by telephone, for Mr. Paul D. Williams of Richmond, Virginia.

Mr. Williams' reservation is for Tuesday, November 7th. He will arrive sometime during Tuesday afternoon.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

November 4, 1950

Hotel Jefferson
87 Pryor, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Attention: Reservations

Dear Sir:

This will confirm our reservation, made by telephone, for Mr. C. W. Fogleman of Pineville, Louisiana.

Mr. Fogleman's reservation is for November 6 and 7.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

November 4, 1950

Hotel David Bennett
328 Ponce de Leon
Atlanta, Georgia

Attention: Reservations

Dear Sir:

This will confirm our reservation made by telephone for Mr. James M. Dabbs of Mayesville, South Carolina.

Mr. Dabbs' reservation is for Tuesday, November 7th. He will be driving to Atlanta Tuesday morning.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

November 4, 1950

Atlantan Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Attention: Reservations

Dear Sir:

The following is the list of our members for whom we have reservations at the Atlantan.

Mr. John Long, Edwards Miss. - November 7th and 8th
Rabbi Charles Mantinband, Florence, Ala. - November 7th
Mrs. James S. Crate, Houston, Texas - November 6th, 7th, 8th
(Mrs. Crate is arriving at 8:30 p.m. on the 6th.)

Please ask our guests to settle their accounts with you.

We appreciate your yearly cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

November 6, 1950

Miss Ellen Murray
Box 1301
Berea College
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Miss Murray:

Thank you for your kind letter of November 5.

I will arrive at the Lexington airport via Eastern Air Line's flight 451 at 11:33 A.M. CST Friday, November 17. If you find it possible to have somebody meet me there, well and good. If not, I shall make my way in much haste to Berea, and turn up as many minutes ahead of 2:30 as I can.

I expect I should leave Saturday night.

I will do whatever you wish from Friday mid day till train time Saturday night.

My one really good speech about the South's Economic Problems has been made at Berea (in the music auditorium) about three times. Ask some old-timer if that is suitable. I would rather do it (in its 1950 version), but if you want me academic I can do that, too. The good one needs a blackboard, well lighted.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 6, 1950

Mr. J. Paul Rice
8 B Mallard Street
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Rice:

It has been a number of years since our Council was active in veterans' matters. I send you as many of our state reports as we can find. They are, of course, long out of date now.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

November 6, 1950

MEMORANDUM

TO: Norma Huff

FROM: George S. Mitchell

Mr. Dent of New Orleans called. He will take a morning plane tomorrow arriving at Atlanta airport noon. Will come at once to the lunch and to the remainder of the Board meeting tomorrow.

GSM:er

November 6, 1950

MEMORANDUM

TO: Norma Huff

FROM: George S. Mitchell

Materialized!

The Rev. Mr. D. Swan Haworth of Vicksburg, Miss., today by long distance phone said he was going to come to the Board meeting tomorrow. You may recall that he was elected a member of the Board in November 1949 and never answered any mail about it. So we never printed him as a member of the Board. But now he lives. He said he had neglected our important letter at the time and much later came across it and wondered whether he was still to be counted as a Board member. I hope I achieved all courtesies. Anywxy, he is coming and will be at the Board meeting tomorrow at thy expense.

GSM:er

November 6, 1950

Mr. Robert Smith Shea
Xavier University of Louisiana
Palmetto and Pine Streets
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Shea:

That was kind of you to write. I am sure the meeting was much helped by the two from Xavier who were able to get to it.

We are proud of the new Louisiana Division and feel sure it will be active and helpful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 6, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Benser
35-45 81st Street, Apt F9
Jackson Heights, New York

Dear Ed:

I am coming to the big city Wednesday, November 15, arriving at LaGuardia at some dawny hour. I know my way in by bus to Jackson Heights. It occurred to me that my hunger and your wife's breakfast-making might get together at around seven-thirty or so. What say?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Board of Directors
Agenda 1950

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

November 7, 1950, 10:45

A G E N D A

10:45 Invocation

10:50 Report of the Chairman of the Executive Committee

11:00 On the purpose of the meeting -- President Paul D. Williams

11:10 Division into subcommittees

(1) On approaches to interracial understanding through what teachers teach in the schools

(2) On preparedness for stress - local interracial committees

(3) On organization, finance, and publication

12:30 Luncheon

1:30 Convene as Committee of the Whole

John Griffin, presiding

Reports from summarizers (oral)

Discussion - The Pace of Change

2:45 Report of the Secretary-Treasurer

Questions to staff members

George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Mrs. Norma Huff, Secretary-Treasurer
Harold C. Fleming, Director of Information
Mrs. Harold C. Fleming, Director of Research
Mrs. Bertha Johnson, Membership Secretary

3:25 Budget for 1951

4:00 Losses in Board membership

4:30 Adjournment

1:45 Reconvene as a body

1. Oral reports from summarizers

2. Discussion

2:30 Questions to staff members

George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Mrs. Norma Huff, Secretary-Treasurer
Harold C. Fleming, Director of Information
Mrs. Harold C. Fleming, Director of Research
Mrs. Bertha Johnson, Membership Secretary

3:00 Report of Chairman of Finance Committee

3:20 Budget for 1951

3:40 Report of Resolutions Committee

3:50 Report of Nominations Committee

4:00 Election of new Board members

4:15 Adjournment

Proposed Board Subcommittees

I. On approaches to interracial understanding through what teachers teach in the schools

Mr. Rufus E. Clement
Mr. John A. Griffin
Mr. Benjamin E. Mays
Mr. E. A. McDowell
*Mr. Alonzo G. Moron (B)
Mr. N. C. Newbold
*Mr. Harry V. Richardson (A)
Mr. Philip Shulhafer
Mr. Harold Trigg
Mr. Forrester B. Washington
Mr. R. D. Wellons

II. On preparedness for stress - Local Interracial Committees

Mr. A. D. Beittel
*Mrs. James S. Crate (B)
Mr. Guy B. Johnson
Mr. John Long
*Rabbi Charles Mantinband (A)
Mr. L. D. Milton
Mr. C. H. Parrish
Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr.

III. On organization, finance, and publications

Mr. Morris Abram
Mr. James M. Dabbs
Mr. Charles Gilman
Mr. Leonard Haas
*Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton (B)
Miss Cassandra Maxwell (Mrs. J.H. Birnie)
Msgr. T. James McNamara
Mr. G. D. Rogers
*Mr. Marion A. Wright (A)

* These persons will be expected to serve as resource people for Discussion Groups (as marked) at tomorrow's membership meeting.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE
JANUARY 1, 1950 to OCTOBER 31, 1950

INCOME:		
Contributions (See Exhibit "A")	26,495.78	
Membership Dues	3,791.30	
Sale of Miscellaneous Literature	1,014.73	
Honoraria	618.75	
New South Subscriptions	423.44	
TOTAL INCOME		32,304.00
EXPENSES:		
Salaries	18,235.16	
Fund Raising Fee	6,000.00	
Travel	2,548.48	
Printing - New South & Misc. Lit.	1,712.65	
Office Supplies	1,174.93	
Rent	1,157.00	
Postage	1,035.30	
Telephone & Telegraph	672.89	
Press Clippings	183.00	
Audit	135.00	
Interest	75.50	
Books & Magazine Subscriptions	67.20	
Meetings and Luncheons	15.81	
Miscellaneous	14.50	
Bank Charges	9.70	
Insurance	9.00	
Special Services	5.00	
Returned Checks	2.50	
TOTAL EXPENSES		33,053.32
INCREASE OF DEFICIT		$ 749.32-

Exhibit "A"

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED
JANUARY 1, 1950 to OCTOBER 31, 1950

CHURCH SOURCES:			
Methodist:			
Division of Home Missions	750.00		
Women's Div. of Christian Service, Bd. of Missions	1,000.00		
Board of Education	200.00		
Women's Society of Christian Service:			
Kentucky	25.00		
Mississippi	25.00		
Memphis	25.00		
Tennessee	40.00		
Alabama	10.00		
North Carolina	25.00	2,100.00	
Catholic Sources:			
Catholic Missionary Union	1,000.00		
The Cardinal-Archbishop of Chicago	1,000.00		
Cath. Committee of South	125.00	2,125.00	
American Friends Service Comm.		1,000.00	
Episcopal:			
Women's Auxiliary, Natl. Council, Diocese of Fla.		15.00	
TOTAL CHURCH SOURCES			5,240.00
FOUNDATIONS:			
Phelps-Stokes Fund		1,000.00	
Edgar Stern Family Fund		300.00	
Marshall Field Foundation		2,500.00	
Sigmund Silberman Foundation		250.00	
William C. Whitney Foundation		1,000.00	
TOTAL FOUNDATIONS			5,050.00
OTHER SOURCES:			
Mr. and Mrs. John Hay Whitney		2,000.00	
Anonymous Manufacturer		1,000.00	
United Steelworkers of America-CIO		1,000.00	
Textile Workers Union of America-CIO		500.00	
U.A.W.-CIO		500.00	
South Carolina State Division		15.00	
General Contributions		2,350.06	7,365.06

(Continued)

Exhibit "A"

Schedule of Contributions Continued

STATE EFFORTS:		
Georgia	3,422.50 1/	
South Carolina	1,255.88 3/	
Tennessee	828.00	
Virginia	732.00	
Alabama	536.84	
Texas	495.00	
Louisiana	469.00 2/	
North Carolina	401.00	
Kentucky	285.50	
Mississippi	259.00	
Florida	156.00	8,840.72
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS		26,495.78

1/ includes Abram-Haas Atlanta Emergency Appeal - $1,520.00
2/ includes $300.00 Edgar Stern Family Fund
3/ includes $174.00 South Carolina dues returned to complete pledge

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STATE PLEDGES

	Pledged	Paid
ALABAMA	500.00	536.84
FLORIDA	—	156.00
GEORGIA	2,350.00	3,422.50
KENTUCKY	1,000.00	285.50
LOUISIANA	500.00	469.00
MISSISSIPPI	2,000.00	259.00
NORTH CAROLINA	2,000.00	401.00
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,250.00	1,255.88
TENNESSEE	1,000.00	828.00
TEXAS	500.00	495.00
VIRGINIA	800.00	732.00
TOTALS	11,900.00	8,840.72

Exhibit "B"

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
SCHEDULE OF LIABILITIES
OCTOBER 31, 1950

Thomas F. Byrd		6,000.00
Dr. George S. Mitchell, Loan and Interest		1,575.00
Stein Printing Co.		557.95
State Divisions:		
Alabama	18.00	
Arkansas	1.50	
Florida	7.50	
Kentucky	6.50	
Mississippi	16.50	
North Carolina	18.50	
South Carolina	2.50	
Tennessee	9.00	80.00
Salaries:		
Dr. George S. Mitchell	312.50	
Mrs. Norma Huff	116.66	429.16
Withholding Taxes		191.10
Travel:		
Dr. George S. Mitchell	37.11	
W. W. Alexander	67.00	104.11
Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co.		49.16
Gershon Printing Co.		42.00
Clipping Service		28.30
Columbia Ribbon & Carbon Co.		25.65
Dictating Machine Co.		11.88
Milton Jones Co.		9.50
Ivan-Allan-Marshall Co.		6.50
F. G. Bernal Co.		5.20
Elliott's Addressing Machine Co.		3.27
Office Supply Co.		2.25
TOTAL		$ 9,121.03

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:		
Salaries		18,592.70
Printing - New South & Misc. Literature		3,344.12
Travel		3,229.20
Withholding Taxes		2,481.87
Home Town Self Survey		2,439.08
State Divisions:		
Alabama	157.00	
Arkansas	49.50	
Florida	227.50	
Kentucky	95.00	
Mississippi	156.00	
New Orleans Commission on Interracial Cooperation	137.00	
North Carolina	343.50	
South Carolina	25.00	
Tennessee	131.25	1,321.75
Office Supplies		1,222.46
Rent		1,157.00
Postage		1,063.08
Telephone & Telegraph		675.82
Fellowship of the Concerned		387.37
Loan Payable - Dr. George S. Mitchell		200.00
Press Clippings		190.70
Meetings and Luncheons		159.81
Note - Citizens Trust Company		150.00
Audit		135.00
Books and Magazine Subscriptions		67.20
Returned Checks		10.50
Cash Shortage		10.00
Bank Charges & Exchange		9.70
Insurance		9.00
Miscellaneous Literature Refunds		6.00
Special Services		5.00
Repairs		3.50
Corporate Registration Fee		1.00
Interest Expense		.50
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		36,872.36
BALANCE IN BANKS		1,331.09
TOTAL		$ 38,203.45

Post-Membership Meeting
1950

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

November 8, 1950, 4:30-5:00

A G E N D A

4:30 Convene

4:35 Report of Committee on Nominations to Membership on the Executive Committee, and on officers of the Council

4:45 Elections

4:55 Other business

5:00 Adjournment

Annual Meeting 1950

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

November 8, 1950, 9:30-4:30

AGENDA

9:30 Registration

10:00 Convening of Meeting

Invocation

10:05 Purposes of the meeting -- President Paul D. Williams

10:20 Report of the Secretary-Treasurer

11:00 Discussion groups

A. Meets in Lounge, 2nd floor

Selection of summarizer

Resource people: Charles Mantinband
Harry V. Richardson
Marion A. Wright

B. Meets in Club Room, 2nd floor

Selection of summarizer

Resource people: Mrs. James S. Crate
Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Alonzo Moron

Topics suggested:

1. On approcahes to interracial understanding through what teachers teach in the schools
2. Preparedness for stress -- local interracial committees
3. Statement on public schools administration
4. Other program -- self-surveys; Race in the News; others

12:15 Luncheon Interval

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2. Discussion

2:30 Questions to staff members

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The Cardinal-Archbishop of Chicago	1,000.00		
Cath. Committee of South	125.00	2,125.00	
American Friends Service Comm.		1,000.00	
Episcopal:			
Women's Auxiliary, Natl. Council, Diocese of Fla.		15.00	
TOTAL CHURCH SOURCES			5,240.00
FOUNDATIONS:			
Phelps-Stokes Fund		1,000.00	
Edgar Stern Family Fund		300.00	
Marshall Field Foundation		2,500.00	
Sigmund Silberman Foundation		250.00	
William C. Whitney Foundation		1,000.00	
TOTAL FOUNDATIONS			5,050.00
OTHER SOURCES:			
Mr. and Mrs. John Hay Whitney		2,000.00	
Anonymous Manufacturer		1,000.00	
United Steelworkers of America-CIO		1,000.00	
Textile Workers Union of America-CIO		500.00	
U.A.W.-CIO		500.00	
South Carolina State Division		15.00	
General Contributions		2,350.06	7,365.06

(Continued)

Exhibit "A"

Schedule of Contributions Continued

STATE EFFORTS:		
Georgia	3,422.50 1/	
South Carolina	1,255.88 3/	
Tennessee	828.00	
Virginia	732.00	
Alabama	536.84	
Texas	495.00	
Louisiana	469.00 2/	
North Carolina	401.00	
Kentucky	285.50	
Mississippi	259.00	
Florida	156.00	8,840.72
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS		26,495.78

1/ includes Abram-Haas Atlanta Emergency Appeal - $1,520.00
2/ includes $300.00 Edgar Stern Family Fund
3/ includes $174.00 South Carolina dues returned to complete pledge

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STATE PLEDGES

	Pledged	Paid
ALABAMA	500.00	536.84
FLORIDA	—	156.00
GEORGIA	2,350.00	3,422.50
KENTUCKY	1,000.00	285.50
LOUISIANA	500.00	469.00
MISSISSIPPI	2,000.00	259.00
NORTH CAROLINA	2,000.00	401.00
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,250.00	1,255.88
TENNESSEE	1,000.00	828.00
TEXAS	500.00	495.00
VIRGINIA	800.00	732.00
TOTALS	11,900.00	8,840.72

Exhibit "B"

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
SCHEDULE OF LIABILITIES
OCTOBER 31, 1950

Thomas F. Byrd		6,000.00
Dr. George S. Mitchell, Loan and Interest		1,575.00
Stein Printing Co.		557.95
State Divisions:		
Alabama	18.00	
Arkansas	1.50	
Florida	7.50	
Kentucky	6.50	
Mississippi	16.50	
North Carolina	18.50	
South Carolina	2.50	
Tennessee	9.00	80.00
Salaries:		
Dr. George S. Mitchell	312.50	
Mrs. Norma Huff	116.66	429.16
Withholding Taxes		191.10
Travel:		
Dr. George S. Mitchell	37.11	
W. W. Alexander	67.00	104.11
Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co.		49.16
Gershon Printing Co.		42.00
Clipping Service		28.30
Columbia Ribbon & Carbon Co.		25.65
Dictating Machine Co.		11.88
Milton Jones Co.		9.50
Ivan-Allan-Marshall Co.		6.50
F. G. Bernal Co.		5.20
Elliott's Addressing Machine Co.		3.27
Office Supply Co.		2.25
TOTAL		$ 9,121.03

November 9, 1950

Mr. J. Lewis Henderson
Farmers Union of America
1555 Sherman Street
Denver 5, Colorado

Dear Lewis:

I wish I could help you with a list of my own members, but it is a rule with us not to let the list be used by anything but the Council itself.

I suggest that many of the people you want to reach could be reached through the following organizations:

Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, 11 Pryor Street, S.W., Atlanta, Ga.
Dr. Hugh Brimm, Social Service Commission, Box 38, St. Matthews Branch, Louisville 7, Ky.
Catholic Committee of the South, 2901 South Carrollton Avenue, New Orleans 18, La.

The paper is still better, though I have always enjoyed it in any guise.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 9, 1950

Miss Eva R. Archer
Saints Industrial and Literary School
Lexington, Mississippi

Dear Miss Archer:

Here is the letter for the book to go to Miss Mallory. I am delighted that you are doing it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

November 9, 1950

Dr. Arenia C. Mallory
President
Saints Industrial and Literary School
Lexington, Mississippi

Dear Miss Mallory:

It is a boon to the life of the South that you have put twenty-five years into helping to educate its people. Thousands of homes and hundreds of communities are the richer and finer now for the character and high standards which your personality and Saints Industrial and Literary School have set forth.

My own organization is particularly grateful to you for your steady help in advancing interracial understanding.

In cordial admiration,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 9, 1950

Rev. Thomas C. Allen
Department of Race Relations
Federal Council of Churches
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Tom:

I have been tied up with an annual meeting and have only just got to your request for fifty golden words.

I have no gold, but here is pewter:

"The people of each Southern State have a pressing task of making their religious, institutional, and civic life give aid, not to white supremacy, but to the impartial well-being of us all."

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 9, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Paul:

We think there should be an early meeting of the Executive Committee.

If you agree, when can you come? For our purposes, some time between November 20 and December 2, or some time between December 10 and 20.

The normal thing, of course, would be to have the first meeting in January, but this Board meeting left so much hanging that I think we really ought to begin to find some answers right away.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

November 10, 1950

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Mitchell

FROM: Harold Fleming

Alex Miller suggests that you take along to the NAIRO meeting a few copies of the new pamphlet Safety and Security in the South. He says they have a literature display; that he would take them himself but unfortunately can't go.

Incidentally, the agreed-upon price for the pamphlet is 15¢.

HF:er

November 1o, 1950

Dr. E. B. Perry
223 Pilgrim Building
Houston 3, Texas

Dear Dr. Perry:

It was very kind indeed of you to help Mrs. Hortense Young with nominations for membership on the Board of Directors.

As it turned out, the membership meeting undertook to fill none of the vacancies because it showed a great deal of agreement with a plan for reducing the size of the Council's governing body, and thought that if that were to be done within a year, it would be needless to ask people of importance to take membership on the Board for just a short while.

Nevertheless, we are glad to have the names that reached us from you through Mrs. Young.

We had a meeting that was full of interest, but so full of interest that it gave very little attention to our pressing organizational problems.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

November 10, 1950

Mrs. Tilly:

The Board at its final post-membership meeting November 8 ~~xxxx~~ elected the following to the Board of Directors:

Mrs. E. V. Robinson, Tennessee
Mr. Louis Strauss, Virginia
Mr. Arthur Mitchell, Virginia

I am notifying Mrs. Robinson of her election, but I thought you would like to know of it at once.

Dictated 11/9/50

GSM:er

November 10, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Paul:

We had a letter from Mrs. Hortense Young, of Louisville, mainly about her duties as Chairman of the committee to nominate members of the Board. She went on to tell about her candidacy for the Louisville Board of Education. The letter was written the day before election day, when she did not know what would happen, though she thought the outlook rosy. You will be interested in the final paragraph of her letter:

"It is most encouraging however, to have different people over the city telephone and offer to help in any way they can be used and send in checks to aid in financing the cause of representation for minority groups. For the first time in the memory of anyone, the Catholics have championed a candidate from their pulpits and throughout their organizations in an effort to help those who are in no position to help themselves completely because the election is non-partisan and citywide. The Priest in one of the Negro churches who happened to hear me make the plea before the Mayor's Legislative Committee for an amendment to the Day Law which would enable Negroes to attend State schools where the governing boards so decide started the interest and the momentum has been increasingly heartening. Then a number of Jewish friends in the Americans For Democratic Action started to buttonholing their friends. The AFL Political League and CIO endorsed my candidacy in the daily papers. The Catholic newspaper wrote a fine editorial in my behalf Saturday urging its readers to vote for me and the Jewish candidate. There are three vacancies to be filled."

Sincerely,

GSM:er Signed in his absence

George S. Mitchell

November 10, 1950

Mrs. Hazel Griffith
762½ Beckwith, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Hazel:

On behalf of the staff, I want to thank you for your very great kindness in helping us on the day of our annual membership meeting. I enclose a check which is far too small to reflect our appreciation, but we hope it will help toward meeting your expenses of Wednesday.

We do hope you will come to the office again, meet the staff, and become further acquainted with the Council.

Our kindest regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

November 10, 1950

Mrs. Hortense Young
812 South 6th Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Young:

I thank you a lot for taking on the burden of being Chairman of the Nominating Committee and for collecting the various names.

I will write also to Dr. Perry and thank him for his kindness.

I do hope you got elected. I feel sure you did.

We had a scrappy meeting. Probably good for our soul, but not very good for our body. The reorganization plan kept bobbing up. While it was not proceeded with, it was sufficiently favored for it to look as though it ought to be put through next year. That would substitute for the Board and the Executive Committee, a single Executive Board with fourteen elected members. Part of the notion is that the Council's policy body should be a group of people small enough to meet more often. With that coming up, no one had much heart about electing new Board members to the great block of vacancies this year. In a year's time or less many of them would probably be asked to serve not on the Board but on an Advisory Committee.

On that account, no general election was held, but the Board itself was authorized to fill the three or four vacancies which had been created by death or removal. The Board chose to those vacancies, Mrs. E. V. Robinson, of Tennessee, and Mr. Louis Strauss and Mr. Arthur Mitchell, of Virginia.

We will be helped later on in the year by having the names you sent in.

Mrs. Cohn, of New Orleans, is now on the Board ex officio because

she was made acting head of the Louisiana Division, which was started up a few days ago.

Mr. Parrish will tell you about the meeting.

It will be the best of news when we hear that you are duly a member of the school board.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM.er
Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

Dict. November 9, 1950

November 10, 1950

Mr. G. D. Rogers
Central Life Ins. Co. of Fla.
Tampa 1, Florida

Dear Mr. Rogers:

We have very few dues payers indeed, ill or well, who send us checks for $25.00. And we do greatly appreciate your thought of us.

I assure you we all missed you at the meeting. I do not every think the Southern Regional Council is really together unless you are there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

Dictated 11/9/50

November 10, 1950

Mr. J. N. Tydings
The Lincoln Foundation
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Tydings:

We were mighty sorry not to have you, but grateful for Dr. McDowell and Dr. Parrish. They added a lot to the meeting.

Do write me a good long Kentucky letter and tell me how things are. And did Hortense Young get elected? And what happened at the meeting last month?

Your two emissaries will tell you about the meeting here. Good for everybody's soul, but not much good for anybody's body.

My Berea business works out to be from noon Friday, November 17 to Saturday night, when I head back to Atlanta. I will rejoice when the plane lands on the green grass and grieve when the train headsSouth.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

November 10, 1950

Mr. Joseph S. Davis
6[illegible]1 Mirada Avenue
Stanford, California

Dear Mr. Davis:

We are very grateful indeed for your kind check for $11.50, which pays for the back copies of New South and makes you a sustaining member for 1951. And we will appreciate whatever further interest in the Council your friends in Palo Alto may show.

We have marked our records in such a way as to send you each time an extra copy of New South at your office.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

November 10, 1950

Mr. H. Councill Trenholm
State Teachers College
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Trenholm:

We were very grateful for your kindness in asking Mr. Pierce to come over to the meeting. We appreciated having him.

I think the meeting was good for everyone's soul, but not productive of much to help bodies.

I am still remembering with much pleasure my summertime visit with you and Mrs. Trenholm and the College.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

Dictated 11/9/50

November 10, 1950

Mr. E. W. Palmer
Kingsport Press, Inc.
Kingsport, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Palmer:

We were sorry not to have you at the meeting, but appreciated having your letter of November 3.

The Board meeting whacked out good long parts of the statement and modified it here and there. In the altered form, the Board and the general membership meeting both then approved it.

I suppose we will carry the statement as approved in the next issue of New South and will try to make a special effort to get that issue into the hands of local and State school officials.

So far as I know, we would simply show it as having been adopted at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Council November 7.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

Dictated 11/9/50

November 10, 1950

MEMO

TO: Staff

I am preparing some notes on the meetings this year which will help us in planning Next (?) year's meeting. I got most of what was suggested in our staff meeting and what comments Board members gave me.

Anything you have which should be added or emphasized, give it to me and I'll put it in the folder - annual meeting, arrangements and planning.

nh

Sent: 50 for 51 leaflet

November 10, 1950

Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown
Palmer Memorial Institute
Sedalia, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Brown:

This asks you to take on another job. Nothing very hard or very time-consuming, but something very helpful.

You will see from the little green folder, our main plan for keeping the Council afloat. We need in each State one person who will convene a two- or three-man committee and, sitting down with them, make a list of Council members and other friends who might reasonably be expected to give us or find us a hundred dollars in the early part of 1951. We would hope that most such "hundred-dollar" people would float the hundred by finding us ten ten-dollar members. We have printed suitable return envelopes for that.

Two very able people in North Carolina have agreed to serve on the committee -- John Wheeler and Gurney Hood. I believe Harold Trigg would serve, too. I want you to be the Chairman.

I can promise you that all you would have to do is have one meeting of the committee and reach agreement as to who is to get who to write to whom and write your share of the letters, the other members to write theirs.

These arrangements have been completed in South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee. I am working to get it arranged elsewhere. Plucked at as you are, do please try to give us this new measure of your aid.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er Signed in his absence
Encl.

November 10, 1950

Miss Constance Roach
UNESCO Relations Staff
U.S. Natl. Commission for UNESCO
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Roach:

Indeed, I would be delighted if you would get hold of either Charles M. Smith (Hotel Martinique, 1211 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington) or Arthur Raper (Rt. 2, Box 72, Vienna, Va.) on any matter which could link our Council to your plans for Human Rights Day.

They both know us intimately and would advise you on what the Council could do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
cc: Charles M. Smith
Arthur Raper

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

November 10, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I am not writing Louis Strauss any letter, formal or informal, about his election to the Board. I leave that to you. If you can negotiate his agreement, well and good. If he turns it down, would you then like to have me write to Webster Rhoads, or would you prefer to talk to him first?

I have written to Congressman Mitchell and to Mrs. E. V. Robinson, telling them they are officially on the Board.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:ar Signed in his absence

Dictated 11/9/50

November 10, 1950

Hon..Arthur W. Mitchell
Box 670
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

We were all extremely grateful for your and Mrs. Mitchell's kindness in coming down to the meeting. We were rather in the dumps, of course, but got a good way out for the enthusiasm which you put into the occasion.

I had hoped that my wife could meet Mrs. Mitchell, but she unfortunately had to be counting votes on the Tuesday and at a Campfire meeting for the morning of Wednesday.

Only three vacancies were filled on the Bo rd of Directors. A Methodist leader in Tennessee named Mrs. E. V. Robinson was asked to come on to the Board, and Mr. Louis Strauss and yourself. I do hope you can write me that you can accept membership. I don't know that it involves any formal duties except coming to the annual Board meeting. In your case it mainly signalizes everyone's appreciation of your interest in what the Council does.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

Dictated 11/9/50

November 10, 1950

Mrs. E. V. Robinson
216 North Washington Avenue
Cookeville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

I am happy to tell you that at yesterday's meeting you were elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. While there were a number of vacancies, only three were filled by elections, as the Board itself contemplates at a later date combining functions with the Executive Committee and reducing itself to a smaller size.

We were all most anxious for you to be related to the Council in this closer way, and do hope that it will be possible for you to accept. I don't know that it involves any formal extra duties, but it will make it possible for us to have the advantage of your interest in the Council's kind of work and your advice.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Dictated 11/9/50

Signed in Mr. Mitchell's absence

November 10, 1950

Mrs. Nathan C. Starr
945 Lakeview Drive
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Mrs. Starr:

Fleming tells me his schedule is free for the day of the meeting and he will be glad to be there with Mrs. Huff.

It was nice to have you and Mrs. White at the meeting. I thought it was all very good for our souls, but not too nourishing to our bodies.

I do hope the Florida Division can become again a strong reliance for good works in the State.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

November 10, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I wrote off today to Brooks Hays and urged him to urge Governor McMath to play his proper part at Columbia in January.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in GSM's absence

November 10, 1950

Hon. Brooks Hays
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Brooks:

Various of my friends in the Catholic Committee of the South have sought advice as to a public figure in the South who might suitably be asked to address the annual meeting of the Catholic Committee of the South coming up in January, 1951, at Columbia, South Carolina. I told them your Governor McMath is the right man. Their inquiries have confirmed this view. So he is being asked to do it.

I write you to ask you to get in touch with him and tell him it is a good and fitting thing for him to do.

The Catholic Committee of the South is an organization of lay people and clergy of that faith who address themselves as southerners to the problems of their region. Its aims in many ways parallel our own. I have been at several of its annual meetings and know its leading personnel quite well. I can assure you from this personal knowledge that the Governor would be most appreciatively heard.

The Catholic Church steers a wise and a brave course in things Southern.

I do hope that you can help them persuade Governor McMath to accept the honor which they offer him.

The elections were kinda rough, weren't they? Do you suppose the honest-to-goodness people are ever going to get back? My best to you and Mrs. Hays and Charlie Measel and

everybody.

A parson named Wilke in Little Rock heads our Council's new Arkansas Division. And Ocie Lee Smith, who was a co-op guy, I think, in Farm Security, is its first vice-president.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

REGISTERED - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

November 10, 1950

Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton
Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Grace:

This is formal notice that you got elected yesterday to the Executive Committee. Everybody wanted you.

Can you send me notice, formal or informal, that you will accept?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence
Dict. 11/9/50

November 10, 1950

Miss Florence Sytz
1347 Moss Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Miss Sytz:

When finally the Board got around to picking the Council's officers and members of the Executive Committee, it found that a vacancy which the nominating committee had expected to turn up, did not do so. On that account, I do not need to call upon your kind willingness to become a member of the Executive Committee.

I know I could count on you. I know also we will need help from you straight through.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

November 10, 1950

Mr. Paul Christopher
22 Circle Hill Drive
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

Yesterday you got elected to the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council. It would mean your being called to about four meetings a year, all of which would probably be in Atlanta. We have only a few members of the Executive Committee who get to every meeting, but we would expect you to get to two or three anyway. We cover the expenses.

I do hope you can write me that you can accept.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence
Dictated 11/9/50

November 13, 1950

Mr. Shelby A. Robert, Jr.
3380 North Dickerson Street
Arlington, Virginia

Dear Shelby:

I writ the man a opus.

If he is smart, he will call you long distance off the bat.

I will be at Honorable the Cosmos Club December 3 to 8 in connection with Mr. Truman's conference. Oscar Ewing finally had to allot eighteen vacancies in the Georgia delegation so that some Negroes could come from this state. The Negro interests nominated sixteen colored persons and two others to be part of their group. So I am one of the colored delegates to the White House Conference.

I expect I will be doing quite as much Shelby and Miriam conferring as White House conferring.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

November 13, 1950

Mr. D. J. Craig
Vice President, Ford Foundation
Ford Motor Company
Dearborn, Michigan

My dear Mr. Craig:

My friend, Shelby A. Robert, Jr., now with the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in the Department of Agriculture, tells me that he has lately written you asking for a job with the Ford Foundation.

I don't know what sort of job he wants, but I would suppose that he has been impressed, as have I, with the quality, sincerity, and promise of the statements accompanying the launching of the Ford Foundation.

Shelby is a person of choice quality. His father has been for many years Agricultural Agent for the Gulf, Mobile and Ohio Railway. The family has lived at Jackson, Tennessee, and variously in Mississippi. Shelby got an agricultural education, did this or that around agricultural colleges for two or three years, and then went into the armed forces. I knew him intimately for the first two or three years after the war was over. He worked then in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics and was attached at this time and that to the College of Agriculture at Starkeville, Mississippi, and to Clemson, in South Carolina, and to the University of Georgia. Shelby is the kind of person who applies his reading and his thinking to the making of national policy. That sort of person is rare enough, but that sort of person who in addition can in full acceptance persuade the skittish forces of official Southern agriculture at the seats of their authority in the State agricultural colleges to implement good national policy is rare indeed.

Here is a young, white Southerner, highly educated, with roots in west Tennessee and the Mississippi Delta. He knows the Department of Agriculture in Washington, he knows the independent ideas at the University of Wisconsin, he knows and is liked by the people through whom pol-

icy must be applied in the South. Of conviction he has completely outgrown race prejudice.

In appearance, he is tall and more than personable. His wife is a good egg in her own right. Two small sons.

When I last talked to Shelby, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics had had him for a couple of years on a fruits and vegetables program. I think it has mainly to do with seeing to it that producers of these crops do all right on prices. Shelby has qualities worthy of bigger problems.

So far as my acquaintance runs, I know of only two Southern persons who view Southern agriculture without the hamperings of tradition and who deeply understand it. They are James Maddox, who now works for the Nelson Rockefeller Venezuelan Development undertaking, and Shelby Robert.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 13, 1950

Mr. Harry Wright
3154 Third Avenue
Bronx 55, New York

Dear Harry:

I have got to be in New York (and stay at the New Yorker Hotel) the 15th and 16th of this month. That's Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

I am terribly pressed for time and won't get out to see the Wrights.

You didn't show up at our meeting, so I judged you haven't made a killing yet at real estate.

If no hogs, maybe a shoat.

SRC skipped me on the payroll this month. Any chance you can uphold me?

Hopefully, but in good friendship,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 13, 1950

Circulation Department
New York Times
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

We should like to have ten additional copies of your issue of November 10. Enclosed is seventy-five cents, to include the cost of mailing. If this is insufficient, we shall be glad to forward the additional amount required.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rogers
Secretary to Dr. George S. Mitchell

ER/s
Enc.

November 13, 1950

Reverend William H. Marmion
St. Andrew's Church
Shipley at Eighth
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Reverend Marmion:

The Council feels a great loss in your resignation from the Board of Directors. Be assured that you are still a highly valued member and we continue to think of you as one of us. Of course, you will continue to receive all our publications and notices.

Dr. Beittel sent us a generous check, a balance left over from the meeting in your honor in Birmingham. Along with its being a contribution of the Alabama Division of the Council, we consider it as being your gift also.

We are grateful for all the help and guidance you have given the Council and wish you much success in your new church.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

November 13, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Paul:

The Marshall Field people sent $2,500.00. It is stated to be a subsidy for our monthly magazine, New South, for the coming twelve months.

Mrs. Huff and I have salted it away in the Citizens Trust Company here in Atlanta, and propose to pay each month's New South printing bill out of it. It would a little more than cover a year's printing of twelve issues.

I know it is agreed that we needn't print New South more often than every two months. Now that we have the money, my plan would be to print about eight or ten issues in the coming year -- pretty much what we have been doing for the last year or two.

The net effect of it is that during 1950 nobody will have to worry about printers' bills. That's looked after. Now all we have to worry about is paying the folks and the rent.

We are bad off on current cash. I will be in New York day after tomorrow and will poke up the ILGWU and the Sidney Hillman Fund.

I have to be in Washington as a delegate to the White House Conference from December 3 to 8. Have you any suggestions as to people I ought to see thereabouts?

I expect to prepare tomorrow a draft of a letter for you to send to Dameron Black of the Woodruff Foundation.

Sincerely,

GSM:er

George S. Mitchell

November 13, 1950

Mr. Freeman Drake, Sr.
Route 4
Roanoke, Alabama

Dear Mr. Drake:

I am sorry you didn't get over to the meeting, but we appreciated having your letter.

The head of the Southern Regional Council's work in Alabama is Mr. A. D. Beittel, President of Talladega College. I don't think that is more than fifty miles from where you are.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 13, 1950

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

I am sunk about that January 22 date. I promised it away months ago. If they happen to change it, all right, but I don't expect them to.

I miss your cow bells and Zilphia's accordian. You are my last hope for getting my daughters brought up as labor skates, and I never seem to get my daughters up there to get their skates on.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

November 13, 1950

Miss Ellen Murray
Box 1301, Berea College
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Miss Ellen Murray:

Thanks very much for having somebody at the airport on Friday the 17th at 11:33 A.M. It will be mighty nice to ride back through the bluegrass and up to the blue hills.

I will do any speaking you tell me to do at 6:30 Friday night. I don't know what the SDA is, but suppose it behaves itself.

I am not light-hearted about promising to be in speaking form at 7:30 Saturday morning, but I will promise.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 13, 1950

Mr. Ocie Lee Smith
1500 Bishop Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Ocie Lee:

I recognize the picture of you, but not your word picture of me. However, I was delighted to see the praising article about the new Arkansas Division.

We enjoyed Mr. Wilke when he was here. I thought him quite a good guy.

Here is a copy of the statement we put out at the time of the meeting. This isn't the exact form in which it was finally issued (they knocked out several paragraphs, wisely) but you will see the drift. We expect to print the revised statement and mail it around to county superintendents all overtthe South.

It seems to me Arkansas is a state which has got a peculiarly good chance to make progress in this way. Everybody is patting you on the back already for what you did at the University. Now if you can open up in this other way, you will win golden praise and you will show us all how to do.

I am convinced that the next level on which the people of the South get together is the level of citizenship.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

November 13, 1950

Miss Beth Biderman
National Sharecroppers Fund, Inc.
40 East 49th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Miss Biderman:

Sorry not to see you in New York the 15th, but glad you are coming to Tennessee.

I don't know when I can next get up there. But certainly I will come to see you and the National Sharecroppers Fund.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 13, 1950

MEMORANDUM

Re: Marshall Field Foundation $2500.00 for New South

This is the money received in Mr. Maxwell Hahn's letter of November 8, 1950.

In a conference with Mrs. Huff and Mr. Fleming November 13, we decided:

1. That with the permission of the Executive Committee, New South would, for seven or eight months to come at any rate, be published with about the frequency with which it was published in the combined period 1949-1950.

2. Mrs. Huff would keep the $2,500.00 in the bank for this project and draw upon it in order to meet printer's bills for New South arising from printing ordered on behalf of New South on and after November 13, 1950. She is to pay New South printing bills as they come in from this money, it being recognized that the bills will not severally amount to an exact 1/12 of $2,500.00.

3. This device, while somewhat self-denying to the Council's immediate needs, is thought of as simple, straightforward, and as facilitating a plain report to the Marshall Field Foundation May 15, 1951.

4. The effect of this is that the Council must itself find from other sources money to pay for all clerical, postage, and other charges, and for editorial costs of New South, but that printing costs are cared for in this way.

George S. Mitchell

November 13, 1950

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

We are extremely grateful for the recent generous grant by the Field Foundation for the subsidy of our publication, New South.

We are greatly encouraged that New South has merited your generous contribution, and hope that future issues will continue to justify your faith in its value.

We shall be happy to submit a progress report, as requested, on or about May 15, 1951.

Please extend our sincere thanks to your officers and board of directors for their great kindness and interest in the Council.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh
encl.- receipt

November 13, 1950

MEMO:

TO: Mr. Alexander F. Miller

FROM: Harold C. Fleming

RE: Request for aid in publication of "Manual for the Home Town Self-Survey.

Mr. Srole's memorandum evaluating our self-survey manual is excellent, and we feel that the crticisms he makes are largely justifiable. I believe the revision now underway will remedy those shortcomings satisfactorily. We are adding a section on follow-up which will set out briefly the importance of getting the findings and recommendations of the survey before the whole community and pushing for effective action.

I should point out, however, that we are limited in the amount of detail we can use in that section, for two reasons.

First, the Manual has to be kept flexible enough for use in widely varying communities -- large and small, rural and urban, and so on. It isn't feasible to blueprint a method of getting the facts, presenting the recommendations, and carrying on the follow-up activity; those steps have to be planned on the basis of the size and structure of the particular community.

Secondly, the size of the Manual is already formidable. To try to cover in detail the conduct of the survey and its aftermath would make it even more so. Our people in the field have urged us to reduce the size and complexity of the Manual as much as possible, so that non-professional local people won't be frightened away.

These limitations are more than offset, I believe, by the way in which the Manual is used. We make available to the self-survey groups examples and recommendations, manuals, handbooks, full reports of findings

presentations, such as Greenville's Big Idea (copy enclosed). Thus they can draw on the experience of earlier self-surveys.

Much more important, we make a trained person available for consultation and advisory services. This supplements the Manual with more intimate and detailed guidance throughout the period of the survey and the follow-up. The main function of the Manual is to present the less variable material -- schedules, standard sources of information, comparative figures, etc.

Parenthetically, I might add that when a self-survey is successful follow-up is no problem. We have found that the self-survey process itself makes an active continuing group a certainty.

If you like, I will be glad to send a copy of the final section, now in preparation, for your review.

We welcome the possibility of this further cooperation between our organizations. If ADL finds it possible to aid in the Manual's publication, that fact will, of course, be appropriately recognized in the printed edition.

November 13, 1950

Dr. Harold L. Trigg, President
Saint Augustine's College
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Trigg:

We all enjoyed so much the chance to see you and talk with you again at the meeting last week. It would be nice if such get-togethers could manage to be more frequent and and little less hectic, though.

Dr. Mitchell tells me that Saint Augustine's may mimeograph some copies of the self-survey MANUAL and that, if you do, there may be enough so that the Council could buy some extra copies. We are in desperate straits for the MANUAL right now, and the new printed edition won't be finished for another two months or so. If you do mimeograph the MANUAL, we would like to put in a word for 50 copies right now, if we can get them before the end of the year. That number would at least enable us to fill our back orders and have a few extra to spare before the new edition is available.

We have been doing a lot of soul-searching since the meeting, but how fruitful it will be is dubious, in view of the budget!

Sincerely,

Jane Fleming

November 13, 1950

Dean W. J. Faulkner
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Dean Faulkner:

Please forgive this delay in answering your letter of November 6; we have all been heavily occupied with our annual meeting here last week.

Doubtless you are familiar with the case of Miss Esther McCready who was admitted to the Maryland University School of Nursing by a court order this year. That is the only such case we know of in a Southern or border state. If there are others, it seems to me altogether likely that they would be in Kentucky. The Day Law, requiring educational segregation in that state, was amended originally so that nursing and medical training facilities might be open to Negro students.

Your friends in Kentucky might find it profitable to write Mrs. Mabel K. Staupers, President, National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses, 1790 Broadway, New York City. We have noted from press reports that that organization is planning to disband because of the high degree of integration in the nursing profession. Mrs. Staupers declared that Negro students are now admitted to 350 schools of nursing, though she did not specify their location. Perhaps she would know of some instance in the South which has escaped our attention.

We sincerely hope the effort in Kentucky will be successful.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming

Director of Information

November 13, 1950

Miss Lennie Britt, Treasurer
Louisville Conference, W.S.C.S.
310 East Front Street
Glasgow, Kentucky

Dear Miss Britt:

Our thanks again for your very helpful check.

At your request, your post card of August 18 we are happy to send a complimentary subscription for New South to Mrs. Marvin D. Eblen. Mrs. Henry is a member of the council and so she already receives New South.

We are hopeful that you can suggest several other members of your conference who would also like New South.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:bj

November 13, 1950

Mrs. Margaretta P. Childs
73 King Street
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Childs:

Thank you for your note of October 28. We are glad to have the opportunity to invite Mr. Young to become a member and we are sending him the July issue on Professional Associations.

We have corrected your membership to read Mrs. Margaretta P. Childs and understand that this is a single membership. Last year you sent us $4.00 in dues, dues are $3.00 a year for a single membership. Thus to bring your membership completely up to date an additional $2.00 is needed for 1950.

We rejoice in your continued interest.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:bj

November 13, 1950

Miss Hilda A. Davis
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Miss Davis:

Many thanks for your recent check of $3.00 covering your membership dues for the years 1950-51.

We note that a year ago your check for $5.00 paid dues for the years 1948-49. We are sorry if our records are incorrect and will be glad to make an adjustment with you if you do not believe you owed us for 1950-51 dues.

Please be assured that we value your friendship and continued interest.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:bj

November 13, 1950

Miss Bess R. Williams
1172 Clayton Street
San Francisco 17, California

Dear Miss Williams:

Many thanks for your recent check covering your own sustaining membership and six subscriptions for New South for your friends. We do hope they will find our publication interesting and informative.

Our thanks to you for your continued interest in the Council.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:bj

November 13, 1950

Mrs. Helen Cohn
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

We have received your travel voucher and the two additional student memberships. I sincerely hope that we can reimburse you soon, but we ask your patience for awhile.

We are sending you a package of our free publications which describe the Council's work. More if you want them. Because of our serious financial situation, we have had to cut down on our free distribution of literature. I do wish we were able to send you anything without charge, but since this isn't possible, can we send you our publications on consignment? We have this arrangement with the other state divisions and it does help a little toward our publication costs. I'm including a couple of publications lists and we promise to be prompt in sending what you need.

Many thanks for coming to the meeting. It was well worth while having you attend.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

November 14, 1950

To: Jane Fleming

Harold Trigg suggested the other day that in any future edition of the manual we do not put on a stated price. As you know, Trigg's college has bought scores of the manual and they charge 30 or 35¢ apiece for the copies up yonder. Naturally, the students kick because the copies plainly say 25¢, but Trigg needs a margin for hadnling.

Trigg thinks the book will continue to be widely used as a text and therefore that this problem will continue to bob up.

BOOK REVIEW - 11/14/50
9SM - given at A.U. +
on Station WERD,
Atlanta.

Only a few years ago race relations was a field for the strictly amateur philosopher; anybody who had a theory could claim to be an authority, and would push his book to print. Social science is inexact, we must all admit, but it has in the last fifteen years greatly narrowed the area within which people can speculate, inteligently, about matters of race. We know now what the word race means and what it doesn't mean; we know enough history to be clear about slavery; we know the effects of economic competition between people of different race, and the psychologists believe they know a lot about what makes race prejudice.

I have chosen three books that illustrate this modern inquiry. One is on the educational work of a great philanthropic foundation interested mainly in matters of race; one is on the lobbying effort to enact a Federal fair employment practices act, and the other has the pulling title of "The Roots of Race Prejudice Against the Negro in the United States."

The first, "Investment in People," is the story of the Julius Rosenwald Fund. The son of an immigrant peddler became a prince of merchants, but kept his own plain humanity, and gave generously to meet the most urgent of American human needs. Out of Mr. Rosenwald's bounty five thousand country places across the South got good and new school buildings. The trustees of the Fund then turned their attention to the

teaching work done in the schools, and by a series of imaginative plans did a lot to make teaching really effective. And finally, by scholarships to 1500 Southern young people, of both races, they invested in people, and won for the South a rich gain in talent and understanding.

The second is called "The Social Politics of FEPC," by Louis Kesselman. It is noteworthy as a close study of how a lobby worked, and as a history of the first earnest modern cause which enlisted the political support of the whole Negro people.

The last will draw the interest of students for a long time to come. It is a doctoral thesis, done by a girl who unfortunately died not long after she wrote it; so it is scrappy, and laden with notes. But she had read the whole scientific literature on race, and she made up a theory. Prejudice, she says, is not instinctive, is only in part the result of economic competition, has little to do with fears about purity of the blood stream. It is mainly the result of two forces. The first is the effect of slavery (and then of segregation) in putting <u>every</u> colored person in a category to be disdained. And the second is the stereotypes about Negroes which arose among the defenders of slavery and of separation, and which continue to arouse in people's minds ideas of a Negro comicality, criminality, and contentment with "his place" which were always false.

So, she says, if we would lessen race prejudice, we must deal with others simply as individuals, and we must case aside the old shabby, outworn notions about Negroes, and see them just as people, striving as we all do for achievement and a modern level of living and for their due contribution to our nation's life.

November 14, 1950

Mr. Max Lerner
162 East 92nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Lerner:

Our Council is up before the William C. Whitney Foundation for a grant.

We have, of course, sent a great bundle of things about us to Mr. Rose.

I wanted to be sure that you got some things about the Council, directly. To save sending a lot, here are a few items, rather condensed, which will give you quickly a pretty good picture of what we are and what we do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

November 14, 1950

Mr. James C. Cochrane
2655 Yale Station
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Cochrane:

My apologies for this delay in answering your letter of October 31. All of us here in the office have been heavily involved with our annual meeting, which took place last week.

We are delighted to have you as an associate member. That does entitle you to receive New South, so that we have entered the additional $1.50 as a contribution. Our thanks for it.

Your subject is such a broad one -- and so current -- that it is difficult to find published sources other than newspapers and periodicals. However, if you have not already consulted them, these books should provide some helpful background: An American Dilemma, by Gunnar Myrdal; Patterns of Segregation, by Charles Johnson (Harper, 1943); and Into the Main Stream, by Charles Johnson (University of North Carolina Press, 1947).

Since I don't know which of our publications you have seen, I am sending separately two which may be of some use: The Condition of Our Rights and an issue of New South briefly summarizing the Texas anti-lynching law passed last year (though not invoked as yet, so far as I know.)

Enclosed is a memorandum summarizing the effects of a recent modification of the segregation laws in Kentucky.

If we can be of further help in answering specific questions, let me know.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming

Director of Information

enc.

November 14, 1950

Mr. Clinton Young, Principal
Binst School
Calhoun Street
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Young:

At the request of Mrs. Margretta P. Childs of Charleston, we are sending you our issue of New South which discusses professional associations.

We extend a cordial invitation to you to become a member of the Southern Regional Council and also enclose a pamphlet describing the Council's program.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

encl.

November 14, 1950

Mr. John H. Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

It was a great pleasure to see you at our annual meeting. We sincerely appreciate your interest in the Council and wish that there was not such a great distance between Durham and Atlanta.

I do hope that you will send in your expense blank. It was well worth our while to have you at the meeting and we will reimburse you as soon as possible.

We are very grateful for your generous check and, needless to say, will be able to use it. We are counting it in on the North Carolina effort and the people working on fund raising there will be delighted to see their pledge look better.

We are still recovering from the meetings and have done a good deal of thinking on what came out of the various discussions. A post-mortem staff meeting found us somewhat baffled about what what direction we would take. The afternoon session of the membership meeting authorized the Executive Committee to appoint a committee to examine the Council's goals and recommend a "sharpening of program". We are all for it, but wonder how sharp we can get on a slim budget. The Executive Committee will probably try to meet toward the end of this month or the beginning of next month to see what can be done.

Again, our many thanks for your kindness and interest.

Cordially and sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

November 14, 1950

Mr. Wright Gellerstedt
1272 Oakdale Road
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Gellerstedt:

We sincerely appreciate your generous contribution to the Southern Regional Council.

It is greatly encouraging to have your continued interest in our program. Please accept our thanks.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

November 15, 1950

Miss Dorothy Barrow, Counselor
Thomson High School
930 Gordon Street
Thomson, Georgia

Dear Miss Barrow:

We regret that the pamphlet you requested, "What Can Be Done About Domestic Employment", is now out of print. However, the data it contained is now long out of date, so it probably would not have been too useful.

Current information on that subject is available from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D.C. He will supply for twenty cents a copy of Bulletin #221 of the Women's Bureau, U.S. Dept. of Labor, entitled "Community Household Employment Program". This bulletin contains the latest information on your subject.

Sincerely yours,

Jane P. Fleming
Research Assistant

November 16, 1950

Mr. George W. Snowden
Louisiana State Conference
for Labor Education
1335 North Boulevard
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Snowden:

Mrs. Tilly has asked me to reply for her to your letter of November 14. I am enclosing the list of Louisiana SRC members.

Mrs. Tilly will be in New York at the time of your conference, and regrets that she cannot attend.

Thank you for your letter, and best wishes for a successful conference.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rogers
Secretary to
George S. Mitchell

ER:r
Encls.

November 16, 1950

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
206 North Wood Avenue
Florence, Alabama

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

It was a great pleasure to see you again this year at the annual meeting. We do appreciate your continued interest and many efforts on behalf of the Council.

During the course of the meeting I did receive five memberships for which, I believe, you were responsible. We have acknowledged all the memberships and have sent the new members our literature.

We look forward to receiving your expense account. You will be reimbursed as soon as possible, but we do ask your patience. Our kindest regards and many thanks.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:bj

November 16, 1950

Mr. Dameron Black, Secretary
The Emily and Ernest Woodruff Foundation
Trust Company of Georgia Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Black:

As President of the Southern Regional Council, I wish to appeal to the Emily and Ernest Woodruff Foundation for a grant of $5,000.00 to the Council.

I attach a memorandum which sets out in considerable detail the organization and work of the Council. The personnel of its Board of Directors and officers you will find listed in the leaflet called "What Kind of South do You Want". I am having the Atlanta office deliver the various publications to accompany this letter.

In addition, you will find a copy of the audit for last year and of the U. S. Treasury's letter establishing tax exemption.

Our Council tries to deal soberly and constructively in areas of Southern life where agitation is great. It is not easy to get support for the middle course which the Council pursues. I appeal therefore the more earnestly to your Board for the invaluable aid they can give to a statesmanlike cause.

Sincerely,

Paul D. Williams
President

PDW:er
Encls.

November 14, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I thought the best thing to do about the Spaulding letter was to use (reworked) the memorandum that was successful with John Hay Whitney. I went through it with great care and pulled out anything I thought might unduly dis turb these local people. I took out a couple of paragraphs on how money would be spent and I added a sentence or two strengthening the network idea.

You will see there is one of the old network news stories attached to the copy to go to Spaulding.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM: er
Encls.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

November 16, 1950

Mrs. Boris Scherbak
1978 Devinney Avenue, Apt. 5
Chamblee, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Scherbak:

Mrs. Johnson, our membership secretary, checked the list of names you gave me over the phone today, and found that two of them are Council members already. They are Mr. Ben Segal, of New York, and Miss Mary Frances Lacey, of Danville.

I am enclosing twenty copies of the pamphlet. Thanks so much for sending them to your friends.

It was nice talking to you at the meeting. Hope I'll see you again some time.

Cordially,

Beth Rogers

Encls.: 20 punch pamphlet

November 16, 1950

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 6, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

We do appreciate your making the long trip to attend the annual meeting. It is always a great pleasure to see you, even though briefly.

I have checked into the matter of the sums paid on the Texas pledge. I do apologize for not having given you full credit. You are correct in thinking that Texas completed its pledge and I will most certainly correct my own reports and records. We continue to rejoice in your good work.

Thank you for your expense account. You will be reimbursed as soon as possible, but we ask your patience.

Our grateful thanks for your many kindnesses.

Cordially and sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:bj

November 16, 1950

Dr. A. W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Dent:

It was a great pleasure to have you attend our annual meeting this year, and we are encouraged by your interest in the Council's program. I do believe that something well worth while will come as a result of your suggestions.

Thank you for returning your expense account. You will be reimbursed as soon as possible, but we ask your patience.

Our kindest regards and thanks for your helpful participation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:bj

November 16, 1950

Mr. R. D. Wellons
Pembroke State College
Pembroke, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wellons:

We do appreciate your interest in coming to the Council's annual meeting. It was a great pleasure to meet you.

Thank you for returning your expense account. You will be reimbursed as soon as possible, but we ask your patience.

Our kindest regards and thanks for your active participation and interest in the Council.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:bj

November 16, 1950

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Route 1
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

We do appreciate your interest in coming to the Council's annual meeting. It was a great pleasure to meet you.

Thank you for returning your expense account. You will be reimbursed as soon as possible, but we ask your patience.

Our kindest regards and thanks for your active participation and interest in the Council.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:bj

November 16, 1950

Rev. E. A. McDowell
2825 Lexington Road
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. McDowell:

You were most generous in attending our board meeting, and also wishing to contribute your expense for the trip. We are extremely grateful for your kindness.

Today, being pay day, our treasury is some what low, but we should be able to get a check to you within the next week or so.

Please accept our thanks and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:bj

November 16, 1950

Mr. John Long
Southern Christian Institute
Edwards, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Long:

It was extremely generous of you to attend our annual meeting and to wish to donate the expense of your trip. Needless to say your kindness and generousity helps us a great deal.

For purposes of exempting this contribution on your federal tax, I would suggest that we send you a check for the amount, which you can endorse and return or make out a separate check to us. In this way the contribution passes through our cash receipt book and is also accounted for on the Mississippi state pledge effort.

I would enclose the check with this letter, but pay day has left us with a low treasury. However, within the next few weeks we should be able to send you the check, if this arrangement is satisfactory with you.

Our many thanks for attending the meeting and for your generous contribution to the Council. We are encouraged by your continued interest.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:bj

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TELEGRAM
Nov. 16, 1950

Mr. John H. Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dr. Mitchell by phone confirmed he will see Mrs. Furst of Independent Aid. Urges earnestly you visit her too in New York. Many thanks.

Norma Huff
Southern Regional Council

November 20, 1950

Mrs. William C. White
Okeechobee, Florida

Dear Mrs. White:

Here is the final version of the statement adopted by the Atlanta meeting and approved by the Florida Division.

It was a pleasure to be with you in Winter Park last Friday. Please accept all our thanks for the courtesies and generosity of the Florida Division.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

enc.

November 20,,1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Paul:

You asked me to find out from Julius Thomas about Dwight Palmer.

I saw Thomas, who said Palmer is a perfectly approachable guy, unusually so. As Chairman of General Cable, his office is at 420 Lexington Avenue, which is the Graybar Building. Telephone: Lexington 2-2920.

Thomas says he, Thomas, talks by phone with Palmer nearly every day, and Thomas undertook to tell Palmer that SRC was a good outfit and to do it within a day or two.

Additionally, as Wheeler was to be in town, I left a note at Wheeler's hotel (where Wheeler was to appear November 20 and several days thereafter) and asked him to try to go see Dwight Palmer if Wheeler had the time. I don't know what will happen there, but suggested to Wheeler that he ask Palmer for anything from $250 to $1,000.

I rather doubt that Wheeler will go, so unless you hear from me that Wheeler got something from Mr. Palmer, Palmer would be your man.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 20, 1950

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

The National Sharecroppers Fund has promised the Council $1500.00 to finance a project for getting out a pamphlet on Southern State laws on farm land tenure.

My idea was to give a quick summary of these laws, then of the nature of the laws, then to show the ways in which they fall short of reasonable protection of people and of land, and then to give a model statute. We thought perhaps to model statute would have in it the idea of an enacted lease which would be deemed to be the terms on which farm land was rented, in the absence of a written lease in other terms.

Charles Mangum at Chapel Hill has a book which the University of North Carolina Press has agreed to print. It mostly reviews the court cases on farm land tenure. Then there is the southwestern book by Hofsommer. Can you tell me where your work on it stands?

What we would want to print would be a 25¢ pamphlet. The man who runs the University of North Carolina Press quieted my fears that such a pamphlet would stand in the light of Mangum's forthcoming book by saying that no 25¢ pamphlet will compete with a $7.50 book. So maybe the Council and your own work could find some accommodation on that principle.

In any case, please let me know what you think it would be useful for us to do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encl.: What Kind of South Do You Want?

November 20, 1950

Mrs. Ralph T. Jans
Box 888
Berea College
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Jans:

Here is a leaflet about the Council. I do hope you and Mr. Jans will join and put your strength into the work in Kentucky.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

November 20, 1950

Miss Sakiko Miyashiro
Berea College
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Miss Miyashiro:

You were very nice to come and fetch me and show me what I had next to do.

Many thanks.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 20, 1950

Mr. John H. Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Your additional fifty dollars has been a life saver. Our thanks, again. It will, of course, be credited to the North Carolina effort, also.

We are getting a letter off today by airmail to Independent Aid with a copy to Dr. Davison. Many thanks for your call. As you know by our telegram, Dr. Mitchell did see Mrs. Furst while he was in New York. He will write you within the next few days.

The other day was made bright when we received a check for $2500 from the Marshall Field Foundation for New South for the next twelve months. We are counting on using this very great assistance to pay the printer and, incidentally, to take a load off our minds. Our general budget suffers, but it is reassuring that New South printing is cared for.

The statement adopted by the Board has been getting good space in the press. The New York Times and Christian Science Monitor have carried lengthy articles. A shorter version appeared pretty widely in the South.

Our kindest regards and gratitude.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

November 20, 1950

Dr. Wilburt C. Davison
School of Medicine
Duke University
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Davison:

This is sent to you at Mr. John H. Wheeler's request.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 20, 1950

Mrs. Georgea Furst
Independent Aid, Inc.
41 East 57th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Furst:

The Southern Regional Council applies to Independent Aid, Inc., for a grant of $5,000.00.

The kind of work the Council does is laid out fully in the attached memorandum. It will be seen that our beginnings run back to the Commission on Interracial Cooperation and its closely related organization, the Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching. As a body of responsible Southern people united in a belief in the orderly growth of democratic understanding within the South, we have avoided the role of agitation and have sought to get helpful things done in our own cities and localities. Because we are a network of active and conscientious citizens, we can do much toward putting into effect the best ideas about economic and popular development. Our small monthly magazine, New South, regularly instructs our members (and quite a lot of newspaper editors) as to likely ways for getting progress. We are thus in a peculiarly good position to apply the findings of research and planning bodies such as the Committee of the South. Indeed, we are the only organization in the South which regularly gets white and Negro consensus in meeting the region's needs.

Just at present we are working on the follow-up of a statement approved by our Board November 7, which is summarized in the attached article from the New York Times of November 10. We will busy our State Divisions and our local membership in trying to get this policy understood and acted upon by school boards and other public bodies across the South.

From its beginning in 1944 until last year, the Council worked on an

annual budget of $55,000.00 or $60,000.00. When the Julius Rosenwald Fund closed, that left us without their yearly grant, which had generally been $25,000.00. We have reduced our expenditures to somewhere around $35,000.00 a year, and we have worked desperately to increase the proportion of our income coming from within the South and from non-foundation sources. In the last twelve months the Council has raised in small sums (five, ten, twenty-five dollars) from among its members and their friends, about $10,000.00. We are working now on a campaign to increase our ten-dollar Sustaining Membership in such a way as to yield, we hope, an annual membership revenue of a good deal more than that figure. About two-thirds of our income in the last twelve months has come from non-foundation sources. Specifically, in the first ten months of 1950 we received a little over $5,000.00 from church bodies, $5,050.00 from foundations, $3,000.00 in large personal contributions from people or firms of means, $2,000.00 from four trade unions, and $2,350.00 in miscellaneous contributions. From within the South, and mainly from our own membership, we were given $8,840.00 in quite small sums.

Here is a copy of our annual audit. I believe your files will show a copy of the Treasury's letter establishing our tax-exempt status.

Although we are doing well in increasing our Southern and membership support, it is still not possible for us to carry even our minimum program without some help in good amounts. We have been getting help during the last year from a number of new sources. The American Friends Service Committee lately gave us a thousand dollars. The Marshall Field Fund just the other day covered the cost of printing New South in 1951. The William C. Whitney Foundation has helped us this year. The four trade unions are new sources of income to us.

Put in a nutshell, the case is this: here is an organization, respected and listened to within the South, and devoted to constructive aims. Because it is not agitational, it finds it hard to raise money. Yet its point of view is more needed in the South today than ever before. Many forces draw our citizenship apart. The Council almost alone works at building within the South a united citizenship that divides on issues and not on race. We have come a good way in finding our means from our members. But for a year or two as yet, we cannot close the gap.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

November 20, 1950

Mr. Shelby A. Robert, Jr.
3380 North Dickerson Street
Arlington, Virginia

Dear Shelby:

Can you out of your own head or out of Marshall Harris's head tell me how to get hold of Albert Cotton? I have a promise of $1500.00 to do a pamphlet on State land tenure laws.

Sorry to miss you, but I will go see Miriam and S and M. Tell Miriam I will occupy the Cosmos Club, though I am grateful for her willingness to take me in.

You know I made a commencement speech at Tuskegee last May. White people were scarce on the grounds. A month ago I saw a Tuskegee graduate (our friend Harry Wright) in New York. He had had a visit from somebody who had been at the commencement. "Man oh man, they had some Georgia Cracker up there was giving 'em fits!"

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

November 20, 1950

Staff:

Thursday of this week is Thanksgiving and the office will be closed.

The office will be closed Friday also because V - J Day, which is one of our holidays, was not observed on Saturday, Sept. 2nd.

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November 21, 1950

Miss Ellen Murray
Box 1301, Berea College
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Miss Murray:

I had a good time, and I thank you and Berea and the YW andthe YM a lot.

The Boone Tavern will give you a slip for my night's good lodging and my breakfast.

On transportation I suppose the fair thing all round is to charge Berea with the rail journey Berea to Atlanta. That cost $17.76.

You and your friends were mighty kind to meet Lucy and me and take us back.

Berea is a mighty special place, and I greatly enjoyed being there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 21, 1950

Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, President
Palmer Memorial Institute
Sedalia, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Brown:

Mr. Wheeler wrote me that you had been so very kind as to consent to take on chairmanship of a 50 for '51 committee in North Carolina. We are deeply grateful.

Gurney Hood told me a couple of months ago that he would gladly serve on a committee of this kind. And, of course, Mr. Wheeler. Write me whether there are any others in the state you would like me to help enlist. You can, of course, pull in anybody you wish, yourself.

The procedure we would recommend would be making a list of people in the state who could very probably either give $100.00 or undertake to get us ten new ten-dollar members. Then members of the committee or their close friends would take on the task of visiting or, if need be, writing those selected.

For your assistance, I send you cards giving the Council's present North Carolina membership. The notations indicate what these persons have given in the last two years over and above dues. That is put on to afford you some indication of who can do more than the ordinary.

Guy Johnson has a complete list of those who at one time or another over the last several years sent in something to the North Carolina Commission on Interracial Cooperation.

Gurney Hood, of course, has a memory stocked with names of people who could help and are well disposed.

I send you separately a supply of 50 for '51 leaflets and the return envelopes. Also, some general promotion literature about

the Council.

We have duly gone through Miss Ellen Winston's machinery and been certified and approved as an agency which can solicit funds in North Carolina. The certificate was issued from the State Department of Welfare on October 30, 1950, and names the North Carolina Division's officers -- Dr. Leon Russell, C. C. Spaulding, Gurney Hood, Dr. Guy Johnson, Dr. Harold Trigg, and John H. Wheeler -- as persons licensed to solicit funds for the Council in North Carolina. Other members or friends, in addition to those just listed, who help us importantly in raising money are to be provided with letters from this office. Mrs. Huff, our Secretary-Treasurer, will in a day or two send off letters to you and to Mr. Hood and to Mr. Wheeler. At your request, she will send them to any others you may name. The amount we hope to raise is not large, and the North Carolina law is not, I think, gravely concerned with this small effort, but it is right to comply. And I think it will be helpful, as Miss Winston's department circulated the license to welfare officials, public and private, over the state.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

CC: John H. Wheeler
Mrs. Norma Huff

Sent: 100 leaflets
500 return envelopes
75 What kind of south do you want
25 Byrd

Sent: Survey leaflet
Greenwville's big idea

November 21, 1950

Miss Katharine Lackey
315 Warwick Lane
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Miss Lackey:

Your good report gave me the first clear account I had had of what happened. As a sometime Virginian, I am glad you gave the year in Lynchburg, and distressed that Lynchburg and Virginia did not take up the opportunities you and your work offered.

It is a good thing to get the facts set out rightly.

I wonder if Lynchburg could be persuaded to do a home town self-survey. The one at Greenville, though it was confined to the Negro community, has had remarkable good effects.

Best wishes to you. Let us know what work you go into.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er/Encls.

November 21, 1950

Dr. Harold L. Trigg
St. Augustine's College
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Harold:

We are all of us crunching Royster's Candy and with every crunch remembering our pleasure in your visit.

Do keep pushing those North Carolina folks and arrange a meeting.

We are begging Doris Duke's outfit for five thousand dollars and the Coca Cola kings hereabouts for another five thousand. If we got them both we would be in fair shape.

Sincerely, and with many thanks,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

November 21, 1950

Mrs. William H. Hogue
5319 Cherokee
Houston 5, Texas

Dear Mrs. Hogue:

That was very kind indeed of you to send me notice of the service November 19 at the Central Presbyterian Church.

I know the meeting did a lot of good. I have passed the notice on to Mrs. Tilly in the hope that she and others in the Georgia Committee can work out something like it here.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 21, 1950

Mrs. Irving H. Cohn
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

Here is correspondence from Felton Clark last July.

I thought you might care to put your scrutinizing judgment on the list of names and decide which are worth your further cultivation on behalf of the Louisiana Division. Then I suppose you had best send the whole correspondence back to me.

Good to catch glimpses of you in New York. I must come to your city and give myself a time when we can sit down and talk.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

November 21, 1950

Mr. John H. Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

McNeill Poteat, when I asked him to consider whom I should ask to be chairman of the 50 for '51 campaign in his stead, wrote: "Why not try Mrs. Lillian Parker Wallace: She has boundless energy and the proper point of view."

I do not know Mrs. Wallace, but pass this name on to you as a resource person.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 21, 1950

Mr. John H. Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

You have certainly stirred around on our behalf, and we are mighty grateful to you. That includes being mighty grateful for the check you sent yourself.

I have sent you a copy of the letter to Mrs. Furst, copy of which went to Dr. Davison.

Dr. Davison can get us that five thousand dollars if he will. I will be interested in hearing from you what you concluded after talking with Mrs. Furst. The matter about Dwight Palmer was an extra, and not a necessity. If you did not find it convenient to see him, I can get Paul to see him later on.

That is grand news from Mrs. Brown. I am writing her and asking her to try to get the committee under way. You will have seen the North Carolina Department of Welfare release establishing us as duly licensed to raise $5,000.00 in North Carolina during the coming year.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
CC: Norma Huff

November 21, 1950

President Horace Mann Bond
Lincoln University
Oxford, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Bond:

The warmest congratulations on the announcement in the New York Times of November 18 about your Institute for the Study of African Affairs. That is so greatly needed, and your institution is exactly the right place to put it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 21, 1950

The Hon. Brooks Hays
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Brooks:

Thanks a lot for writing the Governor.

I am glad you saw Dr. Will, and know he enjoyed it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Send: What kind of south do you want
S Survey leaflet
Greenville's big idea

November 21, 1950

Mr. J. B. Gray
2844 Greenwood Road
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Gray:

It was a pleasure to meet and talk with you in New York.

Do write us from time to time and keep us informed of things we ought to know about in your area.

We are of course particularly interested in how the survey goes along.

Perhaps we could persuade you to become a member of the Council. That would automatically make you a member of the new Louisiana Division.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

November 21, 1950

Police Commissioner Murphy
New York, New York

My dear Commissioner:

I had the pleasure of hearing Commissioner Wallander describe to the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials some of the excellent work which the Police Department does in teaching human relations to the new members of the police force.

I would be grateful if you would be kind enough to send me a copy of the small blue book used as an introduction to human relations for rookie policemen. I enclose ten cents postage and will be glad to send a larger sum if required as price of the pamphlet.

Our Council has given a good deal of attention to problems of police training in the Southern states.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

November 22, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Paul:

Charles Johnson is the son of a greatly beloved Baptist minister, named Charles Henry Johnson, at Bristol, Virginia. The town of Bristol has named its principal Negro Housing project Johnson Homes, for the Rev. Mr. Charles Henry Johnson. (I suppose the father would be dead a good while by now.) Charles was brought up in a deeply religious home. His undergraduate college work was at Virginia Union, which as you know has always had substantial support from the (Northern) Baptist Convention.

Dr. Johnson himself is a layman. He has been for a good many years now a member, and more lately a deacon, in the Fisk Union (Congregational) Church. He has for a long time served in various distinguished ways the American Missionary Association Division of the Congregational Church. He has served as Chairman of the Division and director of its race relations program. And he has for the past five or six years been in general charge of the Institute of Race Relations at Fisk University which the American Missionary Association has aided. In addition, Dr. Johnson made a lengthy study for the American Missionary Association of its history for the first hundred years and set forth for it a program for the next hundred years. More intimately, I am assured by one fully informed at Fisk that Dr. Johnson himself believes that religion is central in higher education (this is an old tenet at Fisk).

My edition of Who's Who is not sufficiently recent to contain entries on Dr. Johnson's various missions abroad. I am pretty certain he went to Indonesia several years ago, and quite certain he went to India within the last year.

It seems to me that Dr. Johnson's general views on matters racial are pretty well summed up in the title to one of his recent books,

"Into the Main Stream." He respects the American tradition and has faith that with greater knowledge that tradition will embrace fully all the American people. He has put his career into providing the greater knowledge. See the long roll of his books.

He is a remarkable man in his powers of leadership. I have never known him to boast or to bluster. Nor have I ever seen him openly assert authority. Yet all who work near him desire to work with him. I would not say that he is patient with the ills he sees and feels about him, but rather that he discriminates sensitively between what is past and what is important. And he will focus upon what is important a whole range of measures to relieve and to clarify and to make even. I do not suppose the country boasts a single mind more able than his to balance the pressures and voices of the time and to name the places where action will do most good. That is another way of saying that the country has no abler social scientist.

And yet he is a long way from being just a walking brain. He is a pleasant man to share company with. He is a refined man, upon whom no one cares to try coarseness. And though he is a very busy man, he contrives for each interview the appearance of leisure and calm.

It is a point worth picking up that the Southern Sociological Society made him its president for the year 1945, so far as I know without a ripple of opposition.

One of Dr. Johnson's functions that appears in nothing that is written about him is to advise on courses good and bad in race relations in general and in the South in particular. Many a most helpful movement first came to recognizable shape in a conference of two or three people with Charles Johnson. On any matter touching Negro problems Charles Johnson's is the supreme advice.

Internationally, his function is an extension of his function here at home. It is to apply knowledge and the keenest judgment to propose courses of action. That is the pure essence of what this country can contribute to solution of problems abroad. The man does not move by guess, but by foreknowledge.

If this is not enough, I will try to dig out more.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Whoever has to compile something would be helped by turning to a fairly recent book which Mr. Louis Brownlow did about the history of the American Missionary Association.

GSM

November 22, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I have done the best I could about the letters to Dameron Black. I just forgot to get it moving before I went to New York. Then there was nobody in the office (all gone to the Florida meeting) and I had to delegate to John Griffin. As soon as I got back, I jumped on it myself.

Bishop Moore. He has a request before the same meeting for the Woodruff Foundation to assist Young Harris College in North Georgia, a Methodist college. That makes it difficult for him to write on our behalf at this time. But he is almost every day in conversation with Dameron Black. The Bishop promised John Griffin several days ago, and me today, that he would within the course of this week talk with Dameron Black on our behalf, and talk urgently.

Patterson at Tuskegee. He is abroad, but the Institute is being run in his absence by Mr. Gomillion, who promised us by telephone several days ago that he would write forthwith strongly on our behalf to Dameron Black.

Ralph McGill. Promised me in person ten minutes ago that he would at once write a strong letter.

Goodrich White. John Griffin has been working on it and finally got to him this morning. White has a large request before them for Emory and has besought them on behalf of two or three non-Emory causes lately, so is most skittish. John will talk to White again tomorrow and try to get something done, but it is difficult for John, sometime White's Executive Assistant, to move John's boss, and, John having done what he can, it is likewise most difficult for me to intervene. I doubt that we will end up with a

letter from Goodrich White.

So we deliver two and a half out of four.

I have heard from Brooks Hays that he has written Governor McMath.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 22, 1950

Mr. R. L. Foreman
216 West Paces Ferry Road, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Trot:

You will recall that there has been some difficulty about naming the delegation to go from Georgia to the 1950 White House Conference on Children and Youth. This, as you may know, is a meeting which has been held every tenth year since 1909 to assess the needs of the nation's children and to plan in an organized way private and public movements and measures best calculated "to help our children develop to the fullest their personal and social capacities for life in a democratic society."

Uniquely among Governors, the Governor of Georgia refused to appoint to the delegation from this State any Negro citizens. He was queried and pressed on several occasions in a most respectful manner, but he was firm and public in his refusal to name any but white persons.

The preliminary planning for the White House Conference, no less than the follow-up work, is important to many Negro organizations because it affords an opportunity for the casting up of statistics and descriptive material otherwise not available. In this dilemma, various Negro and white citizens in Georgia appealed to the Federal Security Administrator, Mr. Oscar Ewing, for advice and aid. Mr. Ewing reduced the voting power of the officially appointed Georgia delegates by one-third and requested the nomination to him directly of eighteen persons from Georgia who would appropriately represent the needs and wishes of the Negro citizens of the State. These nominations were made to Mr. Ewing some weeks ago, and Mr. Ewing made arrangements for appointment of the persons named as official delegates.

The list will be published in a day or so. It includes distinguished Negro educators, physicians, and officials of social ser-

vice organizations from over the State. It includes also the names of two white persons: Miss Rosalie Oakes, Secretary of the Atlanta Area Office of the National Student YWCA Council, and myself as Executive Director of the Southern Regional Council.

The meeting is to be in Washington December 3-9. There are no funds from which expenses of these eighteen delegates can be paid. Some, I assume, can go at their private expense, and others are expected to have the cost borne by organizations to which they are related. In my own case, my natural recourse for the considerable expense involved would be the Southern Regional Council. But the Council at this juncture simply hasn't the money to send me.

I anticipate that the expense will be not less than $125.00. Do you think that the trust fund for aiding children, which you have some relationship to, might be prevailed upon to assist the Council by covering my attendance to this White House Conference?

I do greatly hope that it will be possible for this aid to be extended. It will be a week put in entirely on the needs of Georgia children, and uncer circumstances certainly conducive to impartial benefit.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 22, 1950

Mr. W. W. Gibbs
Ingraham Building
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Mr. Gibbs:

Our people who went to the Winter Park meeting came back with good accounts of the meeting and of the plans made for the Florida Division. I am delighted that you were there and helped it all along.

Do put your mind on the 50 for '51 business and pick a committee and make it go. It is vital to the Council as a whold to have the kind of local support that will give.

I am angling with some of my Miami friends to get my expenses paid to your city along about snowfall time, and will hope to pay you a visit.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

November 22, 1950

Mr. Arthur W. Mitchell
Box 670
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

We are delighted that you have come on to the Board.

It is a comfort to me in the stilly watches of the night that you are carrying our burdens in Dinwiddie, Prince George, Chesterfield, Amelia, Nottoway, and still more distant points.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Sent him copy of Maxwell Hahn's letter of Nov. 20. (Field Foundation)

November 22, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I sent the leaflets to you. We are at the bottom of the stack on the Herald Tribune article, so I send only about 28.

I am all gratitude for your energy in trying to arouse Spalding.

I have not before thanked you also for the heartening expectation that both Cardinal Spellman and Cardinal Stritch will help us again in 1951. On that, I have the same feeling I had in our dealings with the Quakers. How rare it is to state your need to people who can help and then to be helped.

Here is a copy of a missive that floated in this morning.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

November 22, 1950

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Route #1
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

We got in one or two newspaper clippings that showed that the joint message to Governor Thurmond was completed and went through to him. It was kind of Miss Reid to take on the negotiations. I am delighted that it was the South Carolina Division which signed it.

I have not seen a full text of what Byrnes said, but the fullest account I have had is to his credit.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

CC: Miss Rebecca Reid

November 22, 1950

Mr. Charles T. Steele
Executive Secretary
Louisville Urban League
418 South Fifth Street
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Steele:

You were very kind to send me a copy of the new Louisville text and the material about the Police Training Institute.

If you will let me know, at an appropriate time we will be glad to carry in New South a carefully worded announcement about the Training Institute. Rightly stated, such an announcement could, without stirring up any difficulty, add a certain amount of push to recruitment.

I have had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Parrish a couple of times lately. I observed in New York at the meeting of the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials that he was attentive and helpful in the round table on police and minority problems.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 22, 1950

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

We are deeply grateful to you also for your kindness in this gift.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

November 22, 1950

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

Just the day before Thanksgiving, out of a clear blue sky, the gift of $200.00 sent with your letter of November 20!

That is a sum which makes quite a splash in the Southern Regional Council at any time, and at this particular time a very large and happy splash.

Please convey our deep appreciation to whoever was so thoughtful and generous.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

November 22, 1950

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

The Executive Committee meeting is being planned for Saturday, December 16, 1950 at 10:00 in the Council's offices.

The recent meetings have left the Executive Committee with business of importance and some urgency.

Please return the enclosed post card, so that we can go ahead with meeting plans.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:bj
Copies to:

Dr. Guy Johnson
Paul Christopher
Leonard Haas
Grace Hamilton
Dr. Hancock
Msgr. McNamara
John Wheeler
Marion Wright
Harold Trigg
Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Mr. Carter Wesley

November 22, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I think we had better have the Executive Committee meet Saturday, December 16. We will put out the call to the others for that date.

I wish it could go over till January, too, but it seems to me there is a lot of policy and we ought to get started just as soon as we can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 22, 1950

Miss Caroline Gillespie
Route 3
Hartsville, S. C.

Dear Caroline:

I am sorry that Jane and I missed you when we were through Hartsville last summer and that Dr. Mitchell didn't find it possible to get there on his recent trip. Please let me know what your ideas are about a New South article and we will arrange it. You could either send the basic material to us, with such suggestions as you might care to make, or, better yet, you could simply write the piece yourself. We will be guided by your judgment.

Meanwhile, I pass on a matter of possible interest to you. A Mr. Allen Bacon of the American Friends Service Committee, Twenty South 12th Street, Philadelphia 7, Pa., was in our office a couple of weeks ago. His purpose in touring the South was to discover places where the Friends' work camps could do some good next summer. You are no doubt familiar with that program. It boils down to groups of young Quakers, or Quaker sympathizes, who put in several weeks of hard labor where it will benefit people in need.

Mr. Bacon was very much interested in your project and the question arose of the possibility of a work camp helping with the community center. I thought it best simply to pass on the expression of interest to you. If you think the idea has possibilities, I suggest you write Mr. Bacon at the above address.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

November 22, 1950

Mr. R. T. Miller
El Cortez Apartment
210 East Morse Boulevard
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Mr. Miller:

Mrs. Nathan Starr of Winter Park has sent us your generous check.

We are deeply grateful for your kindness and your interest in the Council's work.

A subscription to our publication, New South, is being entered for you and we are sending also a sample of our publications. We invite your comments and suggestions and hope that you will call on us if we can be of any service.

Please accept our sincere thanks.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

November 27, 1950

Mr. John H. Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

My long letter to Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown must have frightened her. She sent me a copy of the letter she wrote you November 24. The truth is, there was nothing in it that requested any grave amount of work. I am afraid that it just seemed long and complicated.

I do hope she will stay as chairman, but my views should not influence your judgement as to what is the best thing to do.

We are on pins and needles hoping that Independent Aid will come through.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 27, 1950

Mr. M. D. Hackman, Assistant to the Treasurer
Division of Home Missions and Church Extension
of the Board of Missions and Church Extension
Methodist Church
1701 Arch Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Hackman:

The Division of Home Missions and Church Extension has for several years regularly made us a quarterly contribution in January, April, July, and October.

The second quarterly payment of our appropriation, usually received in October, has not been received. We are hopeful that our failure to receive the usual October contribution does not mean that your generous appropriation to the Council has been reduced.

We continue to be sincerely grateful to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension for their kind help and interest.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

November 27, 1950

Mr. Albert Cotten
University of Richmond School of Law
Grace and Lombardy Streets
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Cotten:

I started tracking you down through Jim Maddox, who gave me some leads. I then wrote to Shelby Robert, who told me to write you here. I hope it finds you.

Jim says you have done a lot of work on the law of farm land tenure in the Southern States.

Our Council has been proposing for some years to get out a pamphlet on that subject. We have never had the money to do it. A few months ago, along came the National Sharecroppers Fund, which has promised us a small sum toward doing a pamphlet of that kind. They have yet to raise the money, but I think they will raise it and pay it.

What I had in mind is a pamphlet that would review the history of the Southern State legislation on farm land tenure and bring out the usual point that the laws were passed in the late 'sixties to put a stricken country to work, and at a time when the work people on the land were illiterate and could not read written leases. Then it seems to me there should be some tale of the human and agricultural disabilities imposed by these laws. We are all familiar with the toll of family and community life taken by shifting tenancy, but we are less familiar with the ravages of the land produced by uncertain tenure and the practice of no compensation for improvement (and no damages for destruction). There should be a brief discussion of experience abroad, and then perhaps a model statute should be set out. It may be needful to talk some about case law under existing statutes.

I am a book farmer only, but it seems to me that the present land

tenure laws in the South make it practically impossible for a tenant to shift over to a cow economy. The agriculturalists talk about five years to build pastures. How can a tenant on an annual oral lease undertake to build five-year pastures and then invest in cows when he may get thrown off any year? Thus, the chance to change over goes to the fortunate ones who own land, and we repeat the old story, "from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath."

There is, of course, a side interest in all this in the big Northern cities which get an influx of people whose insecurity at home is partly tied up with these laws. But I am not one that would wish to nail down on to the land people who are redundant to its good cultivation.

I can't write the pamphlet, though I suppose I may fairly use a certain editorial judgment about it. Jim Maddox tells me you could do the whole thing or, at any rate, a lot of it. There is also Charles Mangum at Chapel Hill, who has a book almost into the press on the case law. I understand, too, that at Fisk Dr. Charles Johnson has done a good deal of unpublished work in this field. And Jim Maddox told me that the BAE nearly cooked a study on it but didn't finish.

Assuming that the Council gets the money promised it toward the project, I could pay a hundred or two dollars for some of the writing.

Will you at any rate take the trouble to advise me as to whether this is a good thing to go forward with and in what way, and whether you would be willing to put your knowledge and thought into it?

For identifying me, you can start with the fact that I was born in the house where you teach law. You can take it from there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Copy to Jane Fleming

November 27, 1950

Mr. Morris Abram
Connelly Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

This was handed me recently by someone in the Connecticut State Inter-Racial Commission. My acquaintance said this was the first case ever decided in a court of law on a matter of fair employment. Perhaps he meant the first case in Connecticut, but that is not what I understood him to say. If the other statement is true, it is a rare document, and I provide you with a copy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 27, 1950

Mrs. Irving S. Cohn
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

Although November is not quite over, I send you the Louisiana dues for the month collected to date. Mrs. Tilly tells me you are planning another meeting soon and need the amount now.

It has been the custom that the secretary-treasurer and chairman of the state division each have a set of membership cards. The check for dues is sent, along with the statement of dues return to the secretary-treasurer. The chairman also receives a copy of the statement. I assume, however, that since you are actually doing the work of secretary-treasurer and chairman, it may not be necessary for Miss Jenkins to have a duplicate of the membership records.

Anyhow, I send along an extra copy of the statement of dues return in case you would like Miss Jenkins to have one. Let us know if you would like us to make a set of cards for her.

We continue to have an almost empty treasury and ask again for your patience with regard to your travel expenses. You can be assured that we won't forget it.

We continue to be delighted with the strong new division.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

November 27, 1950

Mr. Charles Mangum
510 East Franklin Street
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Mangum:

I am still awaiting word from the National Sharecroppers Fund that they have raised their budget for this coming year and will duly make their promised payment to us. You will remember that we hope to do a pamphlet on Southern State legislation on farm tenure with the proceeds.

My general idea is to review the history of Southern State legislation to bring out the point that the laws were passed in the late 'sixties when the desperate need was to put a stricken country back to work and when the work people on the land could not have read written leases if they had had them. (I daresay many landlords couldn't, either!) I would not be concerned to take up the history of the laws State by State, but rather to present a general picture with notation of the way in which this or that State varied significantly from the pattern.

Then there should be a discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of the system we have. Of course, it is flexible, but certainly it takes a sad toll of humanity and soil fertility. It may be that at this point some of your case law would come in particularly handy. Somewhere there should be mention of European experience and solutions. I suppose the idea would be to show that modest recommendations for change here are modest; that change elsewhere has been far more drastic than what we propose. Then there could be a model statute. And that would be about all.

Somewhere there ought to be discussion of the difficulties in the way of a mere tenant making the shift nowadays from cotton to cows. If it takes five years to build good pasture and many thousands of dollars to buy a good herd, how can a man on an oral lease or on an annual written lease take a chance? Of course he can't. So the

answer must be that it is only owners who can take advantage of modern farming. Thus is the law fulfilled that "from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath."

I am told that Charles Johnson at Fisk has done some unpublished work along this line, and also that a man named Albert Cotten, now teaching law at Richmond College, knows a good deal about it. I have written to Charles Johnson for his advice, and I am writing to Cotten for advice. I would like to confirm our conversation of six weeks or so ago and ask you to do for a fee some part of a manuscript toward the pamphlet. I can't make a binding undertaking until the Council receives a grant from the National Sharecroppers Fund, but I can ask you to begin to work it up in your mind, and I am satisfied that I can send you a couple of hundred dollars for your part of the manuscript. One of the things I should like you to put your mind on is a model statute. I believe we talked about having it provide a statutory lease which should be deemed to be the terms upon which farm land is rented unless a document to the contrary is shown.

I don't want to fall into the trap of advocating every benefit to the tenant. The landlord has his grievances and proper claims, too. I know it would be hard in practice to get for the landlord compensation for damages done by the tenant, but I should think the law ought to provide for that. That matter could, of course, be fixed by elaborate provisions for posting bond, but I suppose that is silly.

I would want to be free to use a pretty heavy editorial hand in putting together the final manuscript, but you would be fully consulted on whatever changes we might propose.

It is good of you to be willing to put your thinking on to this proposal.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

CC: Mr. Lambert Davis

November 27, 1950

UNESCO Relations Staff
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Would you be kind enough to send us five of each of the posters illustrated on the back cover of the UNESCO News for November? We have opportunities from time to time to use them at public meetings.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 27, 1950

Dr. Forrester B. Washington
Atlanta University School
of Social Work
247 Henry Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Forrester:

Thanks for your memorandum of November 25.

I will stay at the Cosmos Club, 1520 H Street, N.W., NAtional 0302.

I would be in favor of a meeting of the group, but would hope the meeting would not come Monday night (December 4) because I have made a dinner date for then.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 27, 1950

Miss Dorothy Jones
Box 42
Winthrop College
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Dorothy:

What's happening on the survey?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

November 27, 1950

TO: Harold Fleming

This story about Gallup made me angry. I wonder if we haven't a cue here to do some fund seeking. How silly to use five billion dollars to down the Communists with propaganda about American democracy when a couple of million anyway would really give us some democracy.

GSM

GSM:er

November 27, 1950

Rev. Thomas Egan, C.SS.R.
Redemptorist Fathers
Spartanburg, South Carolina

Dear Father Egan:

The materials are on the way to you. I have also enclosed a little green folder which provides space for a record, if you would like to keep one, of the people you have asked to contribute in the 50 for '51 campaign. Also a dozen return envelopes for their use or yours.

All of us thank you for your good work on our behalf.

In the next day or two I will get off to you the information on Cathdic connectio s you wanted for your article. With the minutes of the meetings to do, and the Thanksgiving holidays coming in, I haven't had a chance to type up the material.

I hope you had a pleasant Thanksgiving, and will have a holy and happy Christmas.

Cordially,

Beth Rogers

November 28, 1950

Mr. Glenn Rainey
120 Third Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rainey:

The Executive Committee meeting is being planned for Saturday, December 16 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council's offices.

The recent meetings have left the Executive Committee with business of importance and some urgency.

As a member of the Finance Committee, it would be helpful if you could attend this meeting also.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh
also to: John A. Griffin

November 28, 1950

Mrs. Nathan C. Starr
945 Lakeview Drive
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Mrs. Starr:

What a delightful surprise Mr. Miller's check was! We wrote him our thanks immediately and the contribution made a wonderful Thanksgiving present. We are entering a complimentary New South subscription for him and have sent along some material.

We did have a rather nice Thanksgiving holiday in spite of the bitter cold. Our holiday was the reason you haven't been thanked sooner for your own part in sending the fine check. It will, of course, be credited to contributions from Florida.

We have been hoping that the cold did not injure the beautiful fruit groves in your section. We had a grand trip down and it was a great pleasure to meet Florida Council members.

The S.R.C. doors are still open, but things financial are pretty slow right now with the hope that the Christmas spirit will bring vast improvements.

Our thanks, again, and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:iwh

November 28, 1950

Mr. August Meier
617 Highland Avenue,
Newark, New Jersey

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Dear Mr. Meier:

Thank you for your recent note.

Please be assured that we accept your resignation with much regret and do hope that you will renew your membership at the first opportunity.

In the meantime, we would be happy to enter your subscription to New South at $1.50 per year, and you would continue to have an association with the Council and its program in the South.

We are grateful for your interest and good wishes.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

November 28, 1950

Reverend J. S. Earl
296 Cridd Street
Spartanburg, South Carolina

Dear Reverend Earl:

Our records show that Miss Janet Mangum sent us your membership in the Southern Regional Council in November of last year. However, we find no evidence that you have received any of our correspondence or publications.

We deeply regret this error and would like to enter a membership for you at this time, which will be renewable again a year from now. Our former Secretary-Treasurer was ill at the time your check came to us, and since that time we have had several changes in personnel.

Please accept our apology. We appreciate your interest in the Council, and shall be glad to hear from you and do whatever you advise.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

November 28, 1950

Mr. H. L. Man, Jr.
16 Locust Avenue
Larchmont, New York

Dear Mr. Man:

Our records show that Miss Adele Minahan sent us your sustaining membership in the Southern Regional Council in December of last year. However, we find no evidence that you have received any of our correspondence or publications.

We deeply regret this error and would like to enter a membership for you at this time, which will be renewable again a year from now. Our former Secretary-Treasurer was ill at the time your check came to us, and since that time we have had several changes in personnel.

Please accept our apology. We appreciate your interest in the Council, and shall be glad to hear from you and do whatever you advise.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

November 28, 1950

Dr. Alonzo G. Moron
Office of the President
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

Dear Dr. Moron:

Many thanks for contributing your travel expenses. It is most generous of you and it helps a great deal.

If you wish to have this contribution appear on our books and also be eligible for your federal tax exemption, fill out the enclosed expense account blank, send it back, and I will send you a check for the amount of your expenses.

You can then either endorse the check and send it back, or make out an additional check. This is some additional nuisance, but in this way the contribution passes through our cash receipts book and can can be show more easily on your own records.

We are delighted that you attended the meetings and appreciate your helpful participation.

Our thanks, again, and kindest regards.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

November 28, 1950

Mother M. Agatha
Office of the President
Xavier University of Louisiana
Palmetto and Pine Streets
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Mother Agatha:

We are indeed grateful to you for your kindness and generosity.

Your contribution helps us a great deal and we are pleased that the Council's work has warrented your interest and prayers. We hope you will write us if we can be of service.

Please accept our deep appreciation.

Very sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

November 28, 1950

Miss Helen Burr Christenson
Box 299
Beaufort, South Carolina

Dear Miss Christenson:

Our records show that you joined the Southern Regional Council in September of last year. However, we find no evidence that you have received any of our correspondence or publications.

We deeply regret this error and would like to enter a membership for you at this time. Our former Secretary-Treasurer was ill at the time your check came to us, and since that time we have had several changes in personnel.

Please accept our apology. We appreciate your interest in the Council, and shall be glad to hear from you and do whatever you advise.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

November 29, 1950

Mr. Roy A. Graham
Florence, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Graham:

Our records show that you joined the Southern Regional Council in December of last year. However, we find no evidence that you have received any of our correspondence or publications.

We deeply regret this oversight and would like to enter a membership for you at this time, which will be renewable again a year from now.

We appreciate your interest in the Council, and shall be glad to hear from you and do whatever you advise.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

November 29, 1950

Mr. Howard Cole
1301 Hampton
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Cole:

Our records show that you joined the Southern Regional Council in December of last year. However, we find no evidence that you have received any of our correspondence or publications.

We deeply regret this oversight and would like to enter a membership for you at this time, which will be renewable again a year from now.

We appreciate your interest in the Council, and shall be glad to hear from you and do whatever you advise.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

November 29, 1950

Mr. L. D. Milton, President
The Citizens Trust Company
212 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Milton:

Enclosed is the check which you suggested we write for the purpose of opening a savings account.

You are certainly most helpful and we sincerely appreciate your kindness.

Our best regards and many thanks.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

November 29, 1950

Mrs. Irving H. Cohn
1122 Lowerline Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

It will be a cheerful thing to have you in Atlanta. Louisiana's loss will be Georgia's gain.

I will be sharply on the lookout for a way to make use of all you know and can do.

Come to see us as soon as you land hereabouts.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

November 29, 1950

Mr. Joseph S. Davis
Food Research Institute
Stanford University
Stanford, California

Dear Mr. Davis:

That was very kind indeed of you to let me know about the Atlanta visit of Mr. Konno, Mr. Haruki, and Mr. Maki.

I called the bank and offered my services. The bank very kindly invited me to a small luncheon with them, and we all had some good conversation. I was sorry that the talk held mainly to Japanese matters, to the neglect of things Southern.

They were very able and likeable people.

You will doubtless be acquainted with my long-time friend, Laurence Hewes, sometime of Palo Alto and until a year or two ago handling the reorganization of Japanese farm land ownership. I hear from him every now and then in his job with the Reclamation Service in Denver.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 29, 1950

Messrs. B. H. Blackwell & Co., Ltd.
48 - 51 Broad Street
Oxford, England

Dear Sirs:

(a) I would be very grateful indeed for your kindness in reserving for me and sending on to me when available one of the colour prints of the Muirhead Bone picture of your hallowed premises.

(b) Please be kind enough to send the following and charge to my account:

Undiscovered Scotland. W. H. Murray. (Dent)
The East European Revolution. Hugh Seton-Watson. (Methuen)
New China: Three Views. Michael Lindsay, Robert Guillain and Otto van der Sprenke. (Turnstile)
Revolution in Eastern Europe. Doreen Warriner. (Turnstile Press)
Testament of Social Science. Barbara Wootton. (Allyn & Unwin)
Conditions of Freedom. John Macmurray. (Faber)
Keynes's 'General Theory'. A. C. Pigou. (Macmillan)

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

November 29, 1950

Mrs. Warren McCullers
P.O. Box 111
Clayton, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. McCullers:

We have received a check for the membership of Mrs. W. E. Denning, Secretary of Christian Social Relations, Raleigh District, W.S.C.S.

Can you provide us with her address? We are indeed happy to have her join our membership.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

Same letter to:

William E. Cole
~~Archbishop Gerald O'Hara~~
David D. Jones
Raymond Paty
Philip Shulhafer
Goodrich White

November 29, 1950

Mr. R. B. Atwood
Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Atwood:

The by-laws of the Southern Regional Council lay it down that a member of the Board is eligible for no more than two consecutive terms. I daresay it will have been out of your mind, but in the official records your second term of Board membership came to an end at the membership meeting November 8, 1950.

Although quite a number of nominations were made toward filling the vacancies on the Board, the decision finally reached was that only two or three should be filled. This was in contemplation of a probable reduction later in the size of the Council's governing body.

We are truly grateful to you for your period of service to the Council and the things it stands for. While we lose you as a Board member, I am sure we can call on you for good and all for things that will help our kind of work within the South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 30, 1950

Most Rev. Gerald P. O'Hara
Archbishop-Bishop of Savannah-Atlanta
222 East Harris Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Archbishop O'Hara:

The by-laws of the Southern Regional Council lay it down that a member of the Board is eligible for no more than two consecutive terms. I daresay it will have been out of your mind, but in the official records your second term of Board membership came to an end at the membership meeting November 8, 1950.

Although quite a number of nominations were made toward filling the vacancies on the Board, the decision finally reached was that only two or three should be filled. This was in contemplation of a probable reduction later in the size of the Council's governing body.

We are particularly grateful to you for your period of service to the Council and the things it stands for. While we lose you as a Board member, I feel sure you will let us call on you in the future for the kind interest you have taken in us in these years.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Send: 100 50 for 51 leaflets
250 return envelopes

November 30, 1950

Mr. J. N. Tydings
The Lincoln Foundation
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Tydings:

Many thanks for taking on the 50 for '51 effort. It isn't a thing you have to do yourself. If you can find somebody else who can put it through, do that. But I suspect you will have to give the real push, at first and later.

I am sending you some more of the leaflets and the return envelopes. Also a card list of your members with notations as to what they gave in the last couple of years. Such cards are sometimes helpful in showing who would be likely to help most.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

November 30, 1950

Mr. J. L. Clark
Division of Social Science
Sam Houston State Teachers College
Huntsville, Texas

Dear Mr. Clark:

Do please give us your advice on how we should organize our 50 for '51 effort in Texas. Time presses.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Sent:

1 green leaflet
1 return envelope

November 30, 1950

Rev. W. W. Wilke
2100 Wolfe Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Wilke:

I should think that by now the Arkansas Division has sufficiently found its feet to enable it to take on this job. Your first job is to serve your own State, but I do hope there can be strength and effort left over for helping in this way to run the organization as a whole.

The standard way to go about it is to appoint a small committee which will make up a list of sixty or seventy people in the State who might either give the $100.00 or get ten ten-dollar members. Then members of the committee or their immediate friends undertake to see (or if need be, write to) each of those people and ask them to take on the responsibility for the $100.00 or the ten members.

I would expect so new a Division to achieve something less than the full goal of fifty such persons, but with diligence it need not be much less.

I hope you can write me that you will choose a committee and put them to work. We will send the supplies at once to whomever you say.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

Same letter to rest of ministers listed by Mr. Letts.

Send: What kind of south do you want
Herald tribune stories
Race in the news
Greenville survey report
Leaflet on survey

Yellow jacket
Sept-Oct New South
Honest answer

November 30, 1950

Rev. Royall A. Yount
103 West Fern Street
Tampa, Florida

Dear Mr. Yount:

Some weeks ago our Council appealed to the Board of Social Missions of the United Lutheran Church for direct aid. We are helped substantially each year by various Boards of the Methodist Church and in smaller amounts by the Southern Presbyterians and the Province of Sewanee of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Mr. Harold C. Letts wrote us very kindly that the Board of Social Missions wanted to support us directly, but found that church regulations would not permit central aid of that kind. I am therefore appealing to you and to Dr. Thomas at Miami, as Chairman of the Social Missions Committee, for some contribution to the work of the Council.

We are a non-political, non-denominational body of Southern people, some 3,500 in number, who work in the spirit of reason at improving race relations in the Southern States. We go about it in many ways, placing particular emphasis on material changes which we think will be accompanied by rapid progress in interracial understanding. I cite as ready examples of the kind of thing we do, our encouragement to cities and towns over the South in their employment of increasing numbers of Negro policemen and our work in getting the newspapers in the South to treat news about Negroes with fairness and dignity. We have also had outstanding success with local self-surveys. The device is to get a carefully chosen, strong committee of local persons to find and print the facts about health, housing, education, recreation, etc. The consequences at Jacksonville, Fla., at Greenville, S. C., and in a good many smaller cities, have been remarkable.

I enclose literature enough to give a broad picture of what we do.

We are greatly helped by regular annual contributions to us from various local church bodies. If you could consult with your Florida friends who know us well, and perhaps get in touch with Mr. Letts,

to whom we have sent the fullest information, and find a place in your budget for aid to us, we would be exceedingly grateful. It is hard to keep such an organization going. We gain doubly when church friends over the South help to carry the load.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

November 30, 1950

Mr. M. D. Hackman
Division of Home Missions and Church Extension
of the Board of Missions and Church Extension
Methodist Church
1701 Arch Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Hackman:

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of your check for two hundred and fifty dollars ($250.00), which represents the second quarterly payment of the appropriation ending May 31, 1951.

Please express our appreciation to the Board for their continued interest and kindness.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh
encl.

December 1, 1950

Mr. Allen Bacon
American Friends Service Committee
Twenty South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Bacon:

My apologies for this delay in writing you as I promised to do. I have been trying, ever since our talk, to get hold of the recent material on the Sara Murphy Home. My friends who have it are out of the city until Christmas. I will make another effort then. Meanwhile, as a matter of interest, enclosed is a brief, over-optimistic account as of 1940.

I have written Caroline Gillespie of Hartsville, South Carolina, explaining the Work Camp program and suggesting that she get in touch with you if the local situation there seems promising.

George Mitchell suggests the following as useful sources for you:

Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Siceloff
St. Helena's Island
Frogmore, S. C.

Association for Mountain Life and Work
Berea College
Berea, Kentucky

Willis Spivey
Christian Service Foundation
Babson Park, Florida

Negro Organization Society of Virginia
c/o Treasurer's Office
Hampton Institute, Virginia

He adds that there are some thirty communities of Indians in the South -- a most needy and neglected people. An outstanding example is the tribe in Charles City County, Virginia, which is in need of a community

Center and agricultural help. The county agricultural agent could probably supply more detailed information.

Let me know if we can help in any way in your arrangements for the summer.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

enc.

December 1, 1950

Mr. Kelley Barnett
Roberts School of Christianity
Mercer University
Macon, Georgia

Dear Kelley:

We are delighted that the outline is to be used.

You have our cordial encouragement in mimeographing it yourself and making any use of it you wish. It would be a kindness to us if you would send us about fifteen copies of your mimeographed edition.

The packet of pamphlets add up at retail to $2.65. I don't know what price we quoted last year, but we will make the price for each packet a flat $2.00 (we paying carriage), if that is all right.

The following two pamphlets are out of stock:

December 1948-January 1949 New South, "What It Will Cost to Equalize School Buildings in the South." (See EDUCATION IV.)

February 1949 New South, "The Courts Define the Right to Vote." (See GOVERNMENT, III, I.)

I found a few copies of the latter pamphlet in our files, and we have included one copy in your own packet, though it had to be omitted from the others.

In addition, the following pamphlets are included in this set of packets, but will have to be omitted from any futuresones, since they are now out of stock except for our own few file copies:

September 1948 New South, "An Honest Answer in the Civil Rights

Controversy." (See GOVERNMENT III, A.)

February 1948 New South, "How Well Do the Southern States Care for Their Feebleminded." (See HEALTH, III.)

May 1948 New South, "Health and Hospital Construction in the Southern States." (See HEALTH, II.)

We have nothing which really fits as substitutes. But we think the course and therefore the packets ought to have in them the following items which have come along since the outline was made:

April-May 1950 New South, "Greenville's Big Idea."

July 1950 New South, "Professional Associations Drop the Color Bar."

June 1950 New South, "Three Decisions."

September-October 1950 New South, "Why an Atlanta School Suit?" and "Southern Graduate Schools Come Abreast of Court Decisions."

We will fill the book store's order (which has been received) with packets which will include the substitute items. If that is not satisfactory, let us know and we will make some adjustment. The book store's order was for 21 sets. In addition to filling that order, we are sending you for free one set.

When next I am in Macon I will give myself the pleasure of a visit with you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

December 1, 1950

Dr. Edward A. McDowell
210 Pleasant View
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Dr. McDowell:

In going through our files, we find that we have three addresses under your name. They are:

2825 Lexington Road Louisville, Kentucky	210 Pleasant View Louisville, Kentucky

Southern Baptist Theological
Seminary
Louisville, Kentucky

To help us keep a correct record, of your membership in the Council, will you please let us know which of these addresses is correct and whether or not you have at any time in the past resided at any of the other addresses.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Bertha L. Johnson
Membership Secretary

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December 4, 1950

Mrs. Georgea Furst
Independent Aid, Inc.
41 East 57th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Furst:

We are sincerely grateful for the generous appropriation received from Independent Aid, Inc. Please extend our thanks to your Board for their kindness and generosity.

We are, of course, notifying Mr. Wheeler of our good fortune.

Mrs. Tilly, who directs the work of the Fellowship of the Concerned, is out of town, but we will be happy to send you the statement requested when she returns.

Our thanks, again, for your very helpful contribution and our kindest regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh
encl.

December 4, 1950

Mr. John H. Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

The combined efforts in the appeal to Independent Aid did bring success! We received a check for one thousand dollars in this morning's mail and the sum can be applied to the general budget, which, as you know, is what we need most right now. Our gratitude to you for all your help in bringing about the favorable outcome.

As a result of this good fortune, we are able to reimburse you for your trip to Atlanta; a check is enclosed.

You might also give our thanks to Mr. Davison. If you think he would be interested in a complimentary subscription to New South, let us know. Mrs. Furst has been receiving it for several years.

We are hopeful that you will be able to attend the coming Executive Committee meeting, December 16.

Our kindest regards and sincere thanks.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh
encl.

December 4, 1950

Mr. J. C. Blair, Director
Division of Negro Education
State Department of Education
Montgomery 4, Alabama

Dear Mr. Blair:

We are happy to send you for free two copies of "How a Virginia County Made Up Its Mind." They are almost the last of this issue in our files.

We have at the printers now a statement our Board approved November 7 on getting Negro citizens on to school boards. I rather think that that statement must have had something to do with Governor Darden's speech at Charleston the other day. In any case, we are getting a couple of thousand extra copies of our own statement printed and will send it out to county and city superintendents, and, of course, to people in the State departments of education.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er/Encls.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

CC: Mr. John Long
Mr. Frank W. Fager

Sent: Honest answer
Negro police -- 1950
Greenville's big idea
Race in the news
Race in the news progress /report
Housing in the south
Professional association & color bar
What kind of south do you want
Yellow jacket

December 4, 1950

Mr. Lawrence A. Henninger
President
Strutwear, Inc.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Henninger:

My friend, Frank Fager, tells me you are a good and understanding person and are about to put a new enterprise in Mississippi.

He would like for you to know about the point of view and work of the Southern Regional Council. To that end, I send you a small bundle of things which you may possibly find time to look through.

The Council has a substantial membership in Mississippi, organized as the Mississippi Division of the Southern Regional Council. The Chairman is Mr. John Long, who is president of an excellent school for Negro boys some distance outside Jackson. I am sure that Mr. Long and any of the other members of the Mississippi Division would be happy to be of any possible service to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er/Encls.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

December 4, 1950

Mrs. Courtney Siceloff
St. Helena's Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Lib:

The new way to raise money for SRC is called "50 for '51." See enclosed leaflet. We have State Committees set up in most of the States to do the job, but we have had the dickens of a time in North Carolina. Finally we got one set up -- Charlotte Hawkins Brown, Chairman; Gurney Hood, and John Wheeler. When I sent the documents to Charlotte Hawkins Brown, she must have found them oppressive, because she wrote back and said, Sorry, she couldn't do all that. Fortunately, Wheeler persuaded her to stay, provided we could get the clerical work done somewhere else. Here is a letter I have written Wheeler.

Would Courtney and St. Helena's have any way of sparing you for a five-day visit to North Carolina at our expense? I think it is merely a matter of sitting down with each of the three Committee members and making them peel off the names. Your own commingling of the advice of Gurney Hood and Wheeler as to what kind of letters should be written would give us a finished draft (though I am hoping that Wheeler will undertake to get the letters written and do some follow-up on having people see people).

I am presumptuous in proposing to get you back into our business for a while, but I know you could do it like a breeze.

What does the Siceloff partnership say?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er/Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

Encl.

C O P Y

December 4, 1950

Mr. John H. Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Dr. Brown's letter, gentle and generous as it was, put me some in the dumps, but the next mail brought in yours, for which I thank you a lot.

I have written her as enclosed. We will continue to suppose that she is the Chairman.

Perhaps I could arrange to have a competent stenographer spend three or four days in the Durham or the Greensboro area and let her check names with Mr. Hood and with Dr. Brown (and with any others you might suggest). Then some agreement could be reached as to how and where appropriate letters could be written. I thought just possibly I could persudae Mary Elizabeth Taylor, sometime of Charlotte, now Mary Elizabeth Taylor Siceloff of St. Helena's Island, South Carolina, to do the job. She knows everybody concerned and, though she has a husband and an adult community project on her hands, might be willing to take a week off to do it. Otherwise, I could send my own secretary.

I would of course prefer any other arrangement you can suggest as being cheaper, but if this is the way to get it moving, I would gladly undertake it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er/Encl.
Dict. Dec. 1, 1950

December 4, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

You will be interested in the enclosed copy of a letter we received today from Dorothy Jones of Rock Hill. It looks as though the Rock Hill Survey is at last just about under way.

We shall plan to attend their public meeting, as they requested, and [redacted] that time we will send a report to both you and Mrs. Duffy of their progress so far.

A thousand-dollar check from Independent Aid today -- thanks to Mr. Wheeler, apparently. Nice Christmas cheer!

Sincerely,

Jane P. Fleming
Survey Assistant

December 4, 1950

Miss Dorothy Jones
Department of Sociology
Winthrop College
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Miss Jones:

Dr. Mitchell is in Washington this week attending the White House Conference on Children and Youth. I know he will want to write you when he returns, but in the meantime we wanted you to know how happy we are to hear that the Rock Hill Survey is virtually under way. Progress sounds excellent so far.

We also wanted to let you know right away that we will certainly plan to have someone at your public meeting -- possibly both the Flemings. Either the December or January date would be convenient. (If there is a choice, January would probably be preferable, but either one would be all right.)

Please let us know if we can help in the meantime. We shall write Mr. Hawkes, as you suggest.

Thanks so much for writing us -- it was most cheering news.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Fleming
Survey Assistant

December 4, 1950

Dr. A. B. Hawkes
First Baptist Church
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Dr. Hawkes:

Dorothy Jones has just written us of the most encouraging progress you have made in organizing the Rock Hill Survey.

We are delighted that your Steering Committee has been chosen and that plans are being made for a public meeting. We shall be happy to have someone there from this office, whenever you decide to hold the meeting.

In the meantime, if we can help in any way, please let us know. Everyone is grateful for your hard work and leadership.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Fleming
Survey Assistant

December 4, 1950

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter to Mr. Cadbury.

I am sorry for you to drop that close association with so good a cause, but we appreciate your standing devotedly by us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

December 4, 1950

Mr. Felton G. Clark
Southern University
Southern Branck Post Office
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Clark:

I want to thank you personally and most sincerely for the care and effort on your part which made possible the organization on the Louisiana Division.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

December 4, 1950

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

It is indeed kind of you to contribute your travel expenses to the Council. We are grateful for your generosity.

I enclose a check for the amount of the expenses with the thought that you would probably like it to show as a contribution from you on the Texas effort. If you will either endorse the check and return it or write us a new check, it will help keep our accounting straight.

This is some additional nuisance, but in this way the contribution passes through our cash receipts book, is recorded on your membership record card, and listed under Texas effort. I also enclose a receipt in the event that you wish to have the contribution eligible for your federal tax exemption.

We were delighted that you were able to attend the annual meetings and appreciate all the more your interest in coming such a great distance. Our hope is for more Board members, like yourself, who will participate as helpfully.

Our sincere thanks and kindest regards.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

December 5, 1950

Miss Mary E. Frayser
Box 41, Winthrop College
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Miss Frayser:

Your letter to Dr. Mitchell came while he was out of the city. He will see it when he returns.

We are seinding two copies of each of the publications you mention in your letter.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rogers
Secretary to Dr. Mitchell

December 5, 1950

STAFF:

Please try and save some time to help with the stuffing of NEW SOUTH and Safety and Security, when ns comes in the next day or so.

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December 5, 1950

Mrs. Nathan C. Starr
945 Lakeview Drive
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Mrs. Starr:

Prompted by your request, your mother has sent us a generous contribution. Many thanks for your help, again. It adds greatly to our Christmas cheer.

Since the Florida annual meeting, we have had an increase in the number of dues returns from Florida, especially Winter Park. Are you responsible for this, also? If so, more Christmas cheer!

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

December 5, 1950

Mrs. John White Howell
375 Mount Prospect Avenue
Newark 4, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Howell:

We are indeed grateful for your helpful contribution to the Council.

Our work has suffered from a lack of sufficient support in a time when the demands upon our program are increasing.

Please accept our sincere thanks for your kindness and generosity.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh
encl.

December 5, 1950

Mr. Roger Burgess, Managing Editor
CONCERN
810 Broadway
Nashville 2, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Burgess:

We do issue releases to the press occasionally, and I will be glad to put CONCERN on our mailing list.

Our main publicity reliance, however, has been our bulletin NEW SOUTH. The daily press and other publications have been most generous with news stories, editorials, and articles based on or reprinted from New South. As a result, we seldom issue formal news releases.

If you are not a subscriber to New South, I suggest that we exchange publications. Please let me know if that meets with your approval.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

December 5, 1950

Rev. Leon Smith
The Methodist Church
Crosswicks, N. J.

Dear Mr. Smith:

We are happy to have your letter of December 1.

The Southern Regional Council itself is the major membership organization working actively in the field of race relations. In virtually all the Southern states there are state- wide interracial committees affiliated with the Council, or full Divisions of the Council. In some communities there are local interracial committees, many of them also affiliated with the Council. I regret to say that we do not have a complete list of such local groups.

I am sending separately material on the aims and activities of the Council. We have found two approaches particularly rewarding: (1) The self-survey method described in the pamphlet "Greenville's Big Idea"; as you will see, the key to its effectiveness is full participation by citizens of both races. (2) Promoting better newspaper practices as described in "Race in the News".

I might also point out the opportunities for professional people in their respective professional associations. (See July, 1950, New South). Southern white teachers can bring about great improvement by closer cooperation with their Negro colleagues.

I need hardly say that we would be glad to have you and other members of your group as members of the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

December 5, 1950

Mrs. James S. Crate
c/o I. Q. Hurdle
1416 East 12th Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

Your telegram was received this morning, and we have sent off a package as you requested. It was sent parcel post special delivery, which the post office tells us should guarantee its delivery by Thursday at the latest. We trust it will reach you in good time.

The following priced materials were sent on consignment:

25 copies Race in the News @ 15¢ per copy
" " Greenville's Big Idea @ 20¢ per copy
" " Wanted: The South's Future for the Nation @ 20¢ per copy
" " Race and Suffrage in the South Since 1940 @ 25¢ per copy

The following free materials were also included in quantities of 25:

Safety, Security, and the South
Brothers in Black
Unity Begins at Home
Getting Along Together
Self-survey leaflet
What Kind of South Do You Want?
Publications order leaflet

I hope our selection was appropriate. If not, or if the quantities sent were too small, the order leaflets may be used by your members.

With every good wish for a successful meeting,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

December 6, 1950

Mr. Manheim S. Shapiro
Community Relations Consultant
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

We appreciated this praise from Ralph McGill of a pamphlet we published with the ADL.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

December 6, 1950

Mr. Christian Sonne
96 Wall Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Sonne:

Our Council has had an editorial hand in preparing this rather encouraging glimpse of the opinions of Georgia Negro teachers who were summer school students at Atlanta University this year.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Encl.: Safety & Security in the South

December 6, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Stern
2110 American Bank Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Stern:

We were delighted with this good story in a recent issue of the New York Times. The full statement will reach you as soon as we have it printed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er/Encl.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

December 6, 1950

Mrs. Max Ascoli
23 Gramercy Park South
New York 3, New York

Dear Mrs. Ascoli:

We rejoice in this good story in the New York Times. The full statement is being printed and we will send it on to you when it comes out.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

December 6, 1950

Mr. Lessing Rosenwald
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Rosenwald:

We are pleased with this good story in the New York Times. We will send you the full statement when it has been printed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er/Encl.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

December 6, 1950

Mr. Richard L. Simon
Simon and Schuster
1230 Sixth Avenue
Rockefeller Center
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Simon:

Our Council had an editorial hand in preparing this rather encouraging glimpse of the opinions of Georgia Negro teachers who were summer school students at Atlanta University this year.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er/Encl.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

December 6, 1950

Mr. John Hay Whitney
630 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Whitney:

We continue to be warmly grateful for your kindness to us.

Here is some evidence from the New York Times that we get a useful point of view before the South. We intend to send the full statement when printed to several thousand state and local school officials over the South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er/Encl.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

December 6, 1950

Mr. Craddock Goins
78 Clinton Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Goins:

The address of the NATIONAL UNION FARMER is 1555 Sherman Street, Denver 5, Colorado. The papers is the official paper of the Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America (James G. Patton, President), and is edited by William C. Vincent.

The Southern Governors' Conference maintains no official headquarters or staff. However, much of its administrative work is done, by special arrangement, through the Council of State Governments. Frank Bane is Executive Director of the Council of State Governments (1313 E. 60th Street, Chicago 37, Illinois). As you probably know, Governor Fielding Wright of Mississippi is the new Chairman of the Southern Governors' Conference, having been elected at its recent Charleston meeting.

We are enclosing the three latest issues of NEW SOUTH, for your information.

If we can help you again, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Fleming
Research Assistant

December 6, 1950

Rt. Rev. Edward L. Stephens
310 Duke Street
Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Father Stephens:

With regard to your question as to whether you entered your name as a subscriber, our records show that you joined the Council in 1948 through Mr. Paul Williams, our president. There is no evidence that you have renewed your membership since, but we have continued to send you our publications.

A membership is $3.00 a year and a subscription to New South is $1.50.

We hope you will renew your membership and help support this important program.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

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encls.

December 6, 1950

Messrs. The Colonial Review
Colonial Department
University of London
Institute of Education
London, England

Dear Sirs:

I enclose an approximation of five shillings as subscription to The Colonial Review, a copy of the September 1950 number of which Mr. Kenneth Little was kind enough to send me.

My compliments on so interesting and comprehensive a journal.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

December 6, 1950

Mr. Archie Robertson
1731 New Hampshire Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Robertson:

At your kind suggestion some time ago Dr. Mitchell wrote to Mr. McClellan and invited him to become a memberof the Council.

Dr. Mitchell suggested that I send Mr. McClellan's letter in reply on to you; it became lost in the shuffle and I have just come across it again.

I suppose we should have the letter for our files, so would you be kind enough to return it at your convenience?

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rogers
Secretary to Dr. Mitchell

December 6, 1950

Miss Inez D. Jenkins
Dean of Women
Southern University
Southern Branch Post Office
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Miss Jenkins:

Our warm congratulations on the excellent minutes of the organizational meeting of the Louisiana Division. I have seldome seen minutes which convey as these do both the spirit and actions of a meeting.

I have various things to comment on or suggest:

1. When you come to printing stationery for the Louisiana Division, you may (or may not) wish to follow the method used by several of the other Divisions. I enclose samples of the stationery of a couple. The cuts for the letterhead are available here, and we can have our printer make you a supply of letterheads; it is against his rules for the cuts to go out of his plant, so we cannot offer to send the plates to you. But whatever kind of letterhead you wish to use is entirely up to your Division.

2. On the matter of dues. The official dues are as listed in the attached copy of <u>What Kind of South Do You Want?</u> I remember that we were using this last Spring a more complicated scale of dues, but since then the Executive Committee, as duly empowered, adopted this new scale. As to the single member who joined the Louisiana Division and paid $10.00, we are for convenience' sake treating him as a Sustaining Member, though the blue ticket he signed made him some other kind of member.

The division of dues between the State organization and the office here is as follows:

> Of $3.00 dues, $1.50 goes back to the State Division; of $4.00 dues, $2.00 goes back to the State Division.
>
> Of $10.00 Sustaining Memberships, $3.00 goes back to the State Division.

This last may seem unfair, but it was discussed pretty thoroughly, and none of the State Divisions has objected. The thought is that New South and the Atlanta office's bookkeeping and billing services cost a good deal more per member than the part this office keeps of ordinary dues, and there has to be some arrangement to make up that loss. The extra part kept here of the Sustaining Memberships will do it.

I presume that the $10.00 membership which you sent in was sent with the expectation that it would be divided fifty-fifty. We failed to follow this in making up our last dues check to you, and the error will be corrected on the next check, which should be forthcoming next week. Still, to simplify our record keeping, we have called this person a Sustaining Member.

3. The rule about contributions (as distinguished from memberships) has always been that whatever is received here as an undesignated contribution to the Southern Regional Council is considered as meant for the Council as a whole and is kept here. On the other hand, whatever goes through the books marked in any way as intended to be a contribution for a State Division is forthwith sent in its entirety to the Division's treasury. We prefer for such designated contributions to a State Division to go through our books, simply because it gives us a record of support given to a part of the organization; but we are not insistent on the point. If a contribution received in Louisiana for the Louisiana Division is put directly into the treasury of the Division, we would like some formal notice of the amount and of who sent it. A simple way to give such notice would be to send us an extra copy of the deposit slip. As a matter of practice, however, nearly all the Divisions send money contributed to them to us, we deposit it, and send our check back to the Division immediately.

4. On page five of the minutes, item IV refers to the relationship between the State Division and the New Orleans Chapter. It seems to me that this is pretty well cared for by Article VIII of the by-laws which you adopted. On the dues end of it, if the Louisiana Division is willing for the New Orleans Chapter to continue to receive back half the dues of its members, we should be supplied with a letter from the Chairman of the Louisiana Division stating that that is the wish of the Louisiana Division. It would then be countersigned by our Secretary-Treasurer and would be our authority for dividing the dues in that way.

We understand that Mrs. Cohn is to be in Atlanta soon and we look forward to talking with her about the new Division.

One of the things we hope you will press for in Louisiana is getting Negroes elected to school boards and to other public bodies.

Sincerely,

GSM:er
Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Mrs. Huff discussed letterhead prices with our printer. The Atlanta office address appears on one of the cuts, and therefore if the Louisiana Division used the type of letterhead shown on the Alabama Division stationery, the Atlanta office address would appear.

The following prices are based on a letterhead which would make use of the two cuts used on the letterhead of the Atlanta office, with the address of the Louisiana Division printed below (as on the Alabama Division stationery), plus the names and address of the Louisiana Division's officers to the left in place of the block of names which appears on the Atlanta stationery. If you wished the stationery to be similar to that of the Alabama Division, with the Council officers in a block at the top and the Louisiana Division officers listed below, the cost would be somewhat more, because of the additional typesetting involved.

The prices are based on the use of 25% rag paper, which is the kind we use in this office:

Quantity	Price per thousand
1,000 sheets	$11.25
3,000 sheets	10.00
5,000 sheets	8.75

The price of regular #10 envelopes, same rag content, with "Southern Regional Council, Inc., Louisiana address, New Orleans, La." on the envelope, is:

Quantity	Price per thousand
1,000	$10.50
3,000	9.50
5,000	8.25

(The stationery quoted is the regulation 8 x 11½ inches.)

December 7, 1950

Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown
Palmer Memorial Institute
Sedalia, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Brown:

Once upon a time Dr. Alexander told me about the meeting at Memphis way back in the early 'twenties when the very choicest of the women of the South of both races were brought together. He recalled particularly that you were of the number.

Remembering all of that, and knowing of your steadfast kindness and self-sacrifice for this Council, I was prepared to accept without the faintest complaint your recent letter; but a few hours later on the same day, in came a letter from Mr. Wheeler saying you were willing to stay on as Chairman provided we can arrange for the clerical work to be done by someone else. That delights me greatly.

I have made a proposal to Mr. Wheeler about ways of getting the clerical work done, and if he thinks the plan workable, we could proceed fairly soon.

Mrs. Huff will write you in appreciation of your very great personal help to our treasury. There is a most select category of people who, when asked for help, give it forthwith, even out of their own need.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

December 7, 1950

Mrs. James Birnie
721 Russell Street, NE
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

Thanks so much for sending me the news about the Survey in Orangeburg. We are delighted that the Panhellenic Council has decided to go ahead with the project, and we shall certainly do whatever we can to help. I am writing Mr. Worthy and Mrs. Daniels to offer the Council's assistance whenever the Committee desires it.

We are sorry that you will be leaving Orangeburg so soon. SRC, Orangeburg, and the Survey will all miss your energy and leadership.

If this is the trip to England which you mentioned at the Annual Meeting, I'm most envious! I hope that you have a wonderful and interesting time. Bon Voyage from all of us.

And thanks again for writing us about the Survey. We shall do our best to help.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Fleming
Survey Assistant

December 7, 1950

Mr. P. Palmer Worthy
Claflin College
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Worthy:

Cassandra Maxwell Birnie has just written us about the Survey which the Panhellenic Council has undertaken in Orangeburg. Last spring in Orangeburg, I talked with Mrs. Birnie and several others about the possibilities of such a survey, so I was delighted to hear that your organization has decided to go ahead with the project.

I am sure you know that the Southern Regional Council is prepared to offer professional advisory services to any community which wants help in making a self-survey. I believe that your Survey Committee has already been supplied with various Council materials on the self-survey, including copies of the survey Manual itself. If we can help you further at any time during the course of the Survey, please do not hesitate to let us know.

I am writing also to Mrs. Dora Daniels who, Mrs. Birnie tells us, is Chairman of the Survey Committee.

Best wishes for the success of your Survey.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Fleming
Survey Assistant

December 7, 1950

Mrs. Dora Daniels
State College
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Daniels:

Cassandra Maxwell Birnie has just written us about the Survey which the Panhellenic Council has undertaken in Orangeburg and of which you are Chairman. Last spring in Orangeburg, I talked with Mrs. Birnie and several others about the possibilities of such a survey, so I was delighted to hear that a Survey Committee had been organized to go ahead with the project.

I am sure that you know that the Southern Regional Council is prepared to offer professional advisory services to any community which wants help in making a self-survey. I believe that your Survey Committee has already been supplied with various Council materials on the self - survey, including copies of the Survey Manual itself. If we can help you further at any time during the course of the Survey, please do not hesitate to let us know.

I am writing in the same vein to Mr. P. Palmer Worthy who, Mrs. Birnie tells us, is Chairman of the Panhellenic Council.

Best wishes for the success of your undertaking.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Fleming
Survey Assistant

December 8, 1950

Mrs. M. J. Lyells
1114½ Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

Can you explain the mystery of the enclosed check? The erased "Mrs. M. J. Lyells?" indicates they may have guessed it was your check. It seems to me that your former checks to us were signed as this one is. Perhaps the change of address has confused the bank.

We are grateful for the paid-up membership dues and delighted with the new "50 for '51" members. All have been acknowledged.

Our financial situation does not add to Christmas cheer, but we continue to hope we will be able to send you your share of the dues soon.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

December 11, 1950

Mrs. Richard Weckstein
American Council for the Community
119 East Nineteenth Street
New York 3, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Weckstein:

I wish we could help, but I'm afraid we can't.

We have never made a detailed survey of community councils functioning in this area. For the most part, we have relied on the annual Directory of Community Chests and Councils (published by Community Chests and Councils, Inc., New York), a copy of which I am sure you have.

I hope we can be more helpful the next time you call on us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

Copies to all Southern Governors

December 11, 1950

The Honorable James E. Folsom
Governor of Alabama
Montgomery, Alabama

My dear Governor Folsom:

I have the honor to send you a copy of a recent statement called "Representation for all" adopted by the Southern Regional Council.

We think the course it recommends is important to the solution of the South's problems about schools.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

STATEMENT ISSUED TO ATLANTA CONSTITUTION
BY DR. GEORGE S. MITCHELL
December 10, 1950

That's just plain ignorant. The Council is about the only organization in the South which, in all our region's most difficult problems, works for truth, tolerance, unity, and the constructive course. This is the exact opposite of Communism; indeed, it is the one best weapon against Communist ideas. Dr. Mays' article was in this spirit. It would help Mr. Harris and all his ilk if they would heed the views of responsible Negro leaders.

December 11, 1950

Mrs. Nathan C. Starr
945 Lakeview Drive
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Mrs. Starr:

You have certainly been successfully busy on behalf of S.R.C.. We are delighted and grateful.

I have acknowledged the check from the Winter Park Interracial Committee to Mrs. Logan and have also thanked Mr. Pratt. I assume that you have thanked also the "Anonymous Episcopalian."

"Safety and Security" went out last week to all the membership so Mr. Pratt should receive a copy. Dr. Mitchell sent you the pamphlets you requested on Saturday.

Again, our praises to you!

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

December 11, 1950

Mr. John H. Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Many thanks for your letter.

Your unofficial information sounds hopeful. Dr. Mitchell read your letter with great interest.

I enclose the necessary certificate of identification which Dr. Mitchell wrote you about. We are also sending one to Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown and are very glad she has consented to chairman the "50 for '51" campaign in North Carolina.

We continue to hope that circumstances will allow you to attend the coming meeting.

Our kindest regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh
encl.

December 11, 1950

Mrs. R. W. Logan
889 West Fairbanks
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Mrs. Logan:

Our sincere thanks for the recent check of the Winter Park Interracial Committee sent us by Mrs. Starr.

Our work needs the help of Council members and affiliated local groups now more than ever, and we do appreciate yours.

Please extend our thanks to the Committee for their kindness and interest.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh
encl.

December 11, 1950

Mrs. Edward Vinson
1428 Clairmont Road
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Mrs. ~~Vinson~~ Betty:

It was certainly wonderful of you to help us out at Glenn Memorial Church last night. We do appreciate all your good and successful efforts on our behalf. It goes without saying that the $33.56 helps a great deal.

Please extend our thanks to all who made the program a success for us and give the official acknowledgement enclosed to the proper person.

We have an arrangement with the W.S.C.S. groups throughout the South who make contributions to send complimentary subscriptions to three or four of their people, usually officers. We would like to do the same in this case if you can give us the names and addresses of interested persons.

Sincere thanks from all the staff.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

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encl.

December 11, 1950

Mr. Charles Hyde Pratt, Editor
Florida Magazine of Verse
Via Tuscany
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Mr. Pratt:

We are extremely grateful for your recent contribution sent us by Mrs. Starr.

Our work needs the help of Council members now more than ever and we do appreciate yours.

Please accept our thanks for your kindness and interest.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh
encl.

December 11, 1950

Mr. Ambrose Caliver
U. S. Office of Education
Federal Security Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Caliver:

We are hopeful that this statement will be influential.

We are sending it to all the Southern governors and to state, county, and city Superintendents of Schools straight across the South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

December 11, 1950

Mr. Philleo Nash
Executive Office of the President
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Philleo:

Here are three copies of our statement on schools.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

December 11, 1950

Mr. A. D. Beittel
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Mr. Beittel:

During my Washington trip, somebody pointed out to me a certain Judge Elliott of Birmingham, who was described as quite a good egg.

That's all I know, but I thought your ears might catch more.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

December 11, 1950

The Hon. Brooks Hays
Member of Congress
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Brooks:

My Catholic friends are very appreciative of Governor McMath's kind acceptance of the invitation to appear at their meeting in January.

I should like to tell you that I join them in thanking you for writing the Governor.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Sent to each: Copy of New South: "Freedom to Serve"

December 11, 1950

The Commanding Officer
WAC Barracks
Fort Myer
Arlington County, Virginia

My dear Madam:

The WACs were kind enough to furnish accommodations to some of the youth delegates to the recent White House Conference on Children and Youth. I arrived in front of the barracks in the dark of a rainy night, having in my care a Negro girl who was a delegate from one of the colleges here in Atlanta. The hospitality shown her was instant, complete, and without a flicker of distinction. Later on I was told by the girl that this level of kindness was kept up throughout.

I should like to express my cordial praise of the spirit behind that hospitality and of the manner in which it was carried through.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Copy: The Commanding Officer
Ft. Myer, Virginia

December 11, 1950

Professor John Bell Condliffe
Department of Economics
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Professor Condliffe:

I think it was in one of your books that I read for the first time years ago of those queer events in the 'eighties on the Cape York Peninsula in Queensland, events which made so interesting and compressed a parallel to Southern history.

I have always wanted to find out more about it. I think if the history were told to the South, it would relieve us of some of our sense of uniqueness.

Is it too much to ask you to be kind enough to suggest some references in which I could find further details?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

December 12, 1950

Mr. Richard Stone
12 W. 75th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Stone:

At the request of Miss Carol Jane Wolpert, of Miami Florida we enclose a pamphlet in which you will find information about the Southern Regional Council.

We extend a cordial invitation to you to become a member.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Bertha Johnson
Membership Secretary

12/12/50

If anyone is interested in sending a Christmas package to the Sarah Murphy Orphanage the address is Route 1, Box 48, Rockmart, Georgia.
Among the most needed articles are: wash cloths and towels, tooth brushes, tooth paste, socks and stockings of all sizes, combs, and school supplies.

December 12, 1950

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Route 1
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

We are continually grateful for your help, and recently for the sustaining memberships. We conclude from this that you had a successful annual meeting.

The pamphlets were sent to Miss Penland last week.

We continue to ask your patience for the necessary delay in reimbursing you for your expenses on the last trip to Atlanta.

Our kindest regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

Nd:jwh

December 12, 1950

Mrs. Courtney Siceloff
King's Crown Hotel
New York, New York

Dear Lib and Courtney:

The best thing to do would be for you to park the car in Durham and go to the Mechanics and Farmers Bank and hunt up Mr. Wheeler and ask his advice on what service the Council could do his fund-raising committee, through you.

The bank's door will be locked, of course, but you get in through the insurance company next door.

Do please try hard to see him. If he is not in the bank, call him at his home.

I paid a visit to Betty yesterday morning and picked up all the news of you I could.

For the last few months in the wake of Aubrey Williams' ideas, we have been having to develop a tough hide against the charge of being gradualists. Then yesterday, Mr. Roy Harris in his Augusta sheet called us "Communist-front." We have demanded a retraction.

Once a month, at least, the two of you ought to go to the Golden Eagle and eat fried shrimp to the glory of God and the memory of George Mitchell.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in GSM's absence

Air mail; copies to 404 W. 116th St., NYC
Wallingford, Pa.

December 12, 1950

Miss Laura Smith Ebaugh
Furman University
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Miss Ebaugh:

By all means come to see us Saturday.

The Colliers article sounds most interesting.

X
Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

December 13, 1950

Mr. Maurice B. Fagan
Philadelphia Fellowship Commission
260 South 15th Street
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

Dear Maury:

I dictated a thumbs-down letter on the first proposal on the American Jewish Congress. Fortunately, there is still time to cover in an answer your letter of December 7.

I like Danzig's proposal very much and cordially hope you and the others can work out something along those lines. I think we here could undertake to provide part, at least, of a monthly round-up of events in the South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

December 13, 1950

Mr. George Rickey
Department of Design
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear George:

I saw your name in the latest list of sometime Oxford persons resident in the USA.

Greetings, across the years!

I will hope for some occasion to take me to Bloomington. Correspondingly, if you will show your beaming countenance in Georgia, it will be a special pleasure to have you pay us a visit here in Atlanta.

My first glimpse of a Scottish hill was in your company. May we both in some sweet day be rewarded with many another one to look at.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

December 13, 1950

Mrs. Courtney Siceloff
St. Helena's Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Lib:

Clear over here, I could see your tongue rolling round inside your cheek when you sent me the clipping from Charleston.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

December 13, 1950

Mr. Arthur W. Mitchell
Box 670
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I do thank you for the memberships which came in with your letter of December 4. Mrs. Huff will send you thanks in detail.

I am being certain that the matter of prompt receipts and new-member packets is being attended to.

It was a great pleasure to see Mrs. Mitchell and you in the course of our trip. How pleased I was to walk in on you in the church and find you hard at work for us.

Do go and see my friend Houston Johnson at Gum Tree.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

December 13, 1950

Mr. R. L. Foreman
216 West Paces Ferry Road, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Trot:

That was exceedingly kind of you to approach the trustees of the McAliley Endowment and, after meeting no success there, to send us your own check for so very large a sum.

It eases our problem a lot, and we are deeply grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

December 13, 1950

Mr. Albert Cotton
900 West Franklin Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Cotton:

That was kind of you to give me such a good full answer.

Here are some answers:

The Sharecroppers Fund people have not yet come through with the money (which they are still raising), but I expect it soon. We might set April 1 as a deadline for copy.

I should think the pamphlet ought to contain about 32 pages.

Style would certainly have to be for general interest. Perhaps it would be well to cast it so as to make it particularly useful to discussion groups of farmers. I am writing to some experts on how to do that.

I agree with you that reform of tenancy laws won't do the job. But it is an important and neglected part of a general betterment of farming security in the country, and particularly in the South. Off the bat, I would plunk for putting the effort still into getting State legislation. But the legal and policy point about Federal legislation ought to be clearly set forth.

I get to Richmond every now and then, though I haven't any immediate plan for being there. Still, I would suppose that before January is over I will be for this reason or that in Richmond. I will of course come to see you. But meanwhile, I hope you can go ahead with an outline.

The longer I live, the more instances I find of Farm Security people doing good jobs in the old spirit. Did you know about Pete

Hudgens' little Farm Security in Venezuela? It now spreads to Brazil and Ecuador and so on. And I dropped in at ECA the other day and found a familiar face in every other office.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

December 13, 1950

Mr. L. H. Davis, Jr.
1116 Graymont Avenue, W.
Birmingham 4, Alabama

Dear Mr. Davis:

At the request of Miss Nan M. Davis, Emory University, Georgia, we enclose information about the Southern Regional Council.

We extend a cordial invitation to you to become a member.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Bertha L. Johnson
Membership Secretary

December 13, 1950

Mr. Calvin Kytle
Farm Bureau Mutual Automobile Insurance Company
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Calvin:

Some corner or other of that justifiably great Farm Bureau outfit puts on a program of local meetings of farmers discussing current topics. I have for years heard their programs praised. We have got in the cook a pamphlet on reform of State legislation about farm land tenure. I have some notion of so casting it as to make it useful for farmers' discussion meetings.

Can you reach to the guy who knows the tricks of how such casting is done and ask him to send me a couple of good samples, and if the good man has time, a letter of advice?

The pamphlet will be about 32 pages. It will discuss the way Southern State landstenure laws got on to the books, what they do and what they don't do, will provide a model statute (probably carrying the idea of a statutory lease which would be deemed to be the terms upon which farm land was rented, in the absence of a written lease to the contrary).

I have found some good people who are working on it, and the National Sharecroppers Fund has promised us money that will probably be enough to get it out.

We heave and struggle, and yet live. The latest event is that Roy Harris's paper has called us "Communist-front." We have called him "ignorant" and have demanded a retraction from the paper. I had just about got my hide hardened to being called a gradualist, when suddenly we become communists.

We miss you and Liz.

Ohio State University years ago did a noble job of educating (by

dint of a most complicated network of partial scholarships) a boy and a girl from among the Indianoid people at Pembroke, North Carolina. The staff people who would remember all that are probably dead or moved along, but I recall that a very large University bent attention to the particular needs of two people and met those needs mighty well.

Hook on to the people who operate the Friends of the Land. The head office is there in Columbus. Russell Lord would pay you tiny sums for stuff written for The Land. It would get you known to a whole new circle of useful people.

And forget not, as you circulate among the well-to-do, the opportunities you may have for convincing the Gotrocks about the needs of honorable the SRC.

I am still sure that your pamphlet for us was the best single piece of work the show has done in thirty years.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Send: Return envelops, What Kind of South, and Nov. New South

Same letter to other people on Miss Berkley's list

December 13, 1950

Mrs. J. Morgan Stevens
702 North State Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Stevens:

Miss Ruby Berkley has urged us to write you and invite you to become a Sustaining Member of the Southern Regional Council.

The Council unites white and Negro people within the South in working for equal citizenship and equal opportunity. The Mississippi Division is similarly organized and can play a rapidly increasing part in the growth of the people in the South.

I do warmly hope it will be possible for you to aid the Council by putting your strength behind it in this way and in other ways.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

Same letter to State Division heads

December 13, 1950

Mr. A. D. Beittel
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Mr. Beittel:

You will remember that the Council officially adopted this statement, "Representation for All."

There was agreement also that it should be sent out to county and city superintendents of schools all over the South. Will not the Alabama Division be willing to send it out within Alabama? It would involve merely mailing one to the county superintendent of schools (by title, not necessarily by name) in each of your counties, and to the city superintendent in as many cities as you thought proper. With a mimeographed enclosure from you, the postage would come to no more than three or perhaps even two cents (second class). By our scales, it would probably come to six cents each, first class.

The statement will do more good if it reaches the school officials from you than if it reaches them from us.

We have already sent one to each Southern Governor. You ought to send copies to the principal State school officials, within your discretaion.

I think that the follow-up on the statement should be a major part of the business of all our forces in each State during 1951. So much the better, therefore, for it to be mailed by you.

We would ship a bundle of as many as you may wish to anybody you name as the person who will send it out. Your own budget would be burdened by the cost of postage. In most States that would hardly exceed $5.00.

If agreeable to you, let us know how many copies to send, and where.

Sincerely,

GSM:er
Encl.

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Same letter to other people on Mrs. Lyells' list, with following material:-

Return envelope and What kind of south to: Miss L. B. Walker
and Nov. New South
Mrs. Gladys N. Bates
Mrs. T. Stutts
Mr. James Gooden

Return envelope only to: Mr. Hall Bolden
and Nov. New South
Dr. & Mrs. L. T. Miller
Mrs. L. S. Handy
Mr. D. S. Lindsey
Mr. E. S. Bishop

December 13, 1950

Mr. E. W. Banks
161 East Bell Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Banks:

Mrs. Ruby Stutts Lyells has urged us to write you and invite you to become a Sustaining Member of the Southern Regional Council.

The Council unites white and Negro people within the South in working for equal citizenship and equal opportunity. The Mississippi Division is similarly organized and can play a rapidly increasing part in the growth of the people in the South.

I do warmly hope it will be possible for you to aid the Council by putting your strength behind it in this way and in other ways.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

Sent: Return envelope, What kind of south, and Nov. New South

December 13, 1950

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Christopher:

We are very gratified that you will be able to serve on our Executive Committee, and we look forward to your guidance.

It is understood that previous committments will probably prevent your attending the coming meeting on Saturday, but we continue to hope that a change in circumstances will enable you to be with us.

Our kindest regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

December 13, 1950

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Topknot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Your Christmas present is acknowledged with great pleasure and appreciation.

Your reservation at the Piedmont has been confirmed, and we all look forward to seeing you Saturday.

Our many thanks, again.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

December 13, 1950

Mr. Arthur W. Mitchell
Box 670
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

We continue to be grateful for the many new memberships you are obtaining for us. While I have not counted the number of memberships, I estimate that your good efforts have brought in about $260.

We are acknowledging them as rapidly as possible and send each a receipt and a sample packet of our publications. They will receive all our literature for a year from the date their memberships were entered.

Dr. Mitchell tells me you failed to receive a receipt for your own renewal of membership as a sustaining member. I am sincerely sorry; our records indicate a receipt was made out to you. However, I enclose a new receipt.

Again, our many thanks for your interest and successful work on our behalf.

Cordially and sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh
encl.

December 13, 1950

Miss Ida Cooper
203 Calhoun Street
Baxley, Georgia

Dear Miss Cooper:

Thank you for your letter of November 30.

A member of the Council pays annual dues of three dollars. In return, the member gets our regular bulletin New South, as well as anything else we publish.

By paying dues, the member helps support the work told about in the brown leaflet we sent you.

The only duty a member has is to do whatever he can, in his own home town, to get Negroes and white people to work together for the good of everybody.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

December 13, 1950

The Augusta Courier
1007 Southern Finance Building
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

Your letter of December 12 hardly invites courteous reply.

The Southern Regional Council was organized some years after the Southern Conference for Human Welfare and has always been entirely distinct from that organization.

The Southern Regional Council has never had any connection with Communism. Our policies have always been set by our Board of Directors, the membership of which as of last October is shown in the accompanying leaflet, "What Kind of South Do You Want?"

We gladly supply you with various of our publications.

We renew our demand of December 11 for a retraction from the Augusta Courier within two weeks from that date.

Sincerely,

Southern Regional Council, Inc.

By: George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Enclosures as listed

Enclosures:

What Kind of South Do You Want?
New South - November, 1950
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New South - June-July, 1948 ("Race and Suffrage in the South")
New South - May, 1948
New South - April, 1948 ("Housing in the South")
New South - October, 1947
New South - November, 1946
New South - August, 1946
New South - July, 1946
Greenville's Big Idea
America's Tenth Man
Wanted: A Healthy South
'To Secure These Rights'
The Home Town Self-Survey
Race in the News
Wanted: The South's Future for the Nation

December 14, 1950

Professor W. Lou Tandy
Department of Social Sciences
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Professor Tandy:

So that you may judge which of our materials might be useful in your course, I am sending separately a sample packet of our publications.

The respective prices are shown on the covers. We have just reduced most of them to the irreducible minimum of ten cents each -- a sum so small that it does not permit further discount for quantity orders. In the case of regular issues of New South, however, we will be glad to reduce the price of five cents per issue by 25% for orders of twenty or more copies.

Prompt attention will be given to any order you may make.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

December 14, 1950

Dr. David R. Minter
Route 1
Cruger, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Minter:

We are indeed grateful for your successful effort in the "50 for '51" campaign. Your are the first in Mississippi undertaking to find ten sustaining memberships who has, to date, been completely successful.

Please send us the names and address of the nine members covered by your last check, so that we may acknowledge their memberships.

Mississippi has almost twice as many "50 for '51" members as any of the other Southern states, and this is due in no small part to your own good work.

Our sincere thanks for your interest and participation.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

To all 50 for 51 State Chairmen

December 14, 1950

Mr. A. D. Beittel
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Mr. Beittel:

The Finance Committee of the Southern Regional Council worked out at the beginning of last summer the 50 for '51 campaign. It is the main reliance for running the Council this coming year. Here is a first report on how we stand, State by State.

State	Chairman	Date Accepted	Sustaining Memberships Already Received
Alabama	A. D. Beittel	Aug. 1950	4
Georgia	John A. Griffin	Aug. 1950	7
Mississippi	H. B. Schaeffer	Aug. 1950	18
South Carolina	J. M. Dabbs	Aug. 1950	5
Tennessee	Wm. E. Cole	Oct. 1950	1
Kentucky	J. M. Tydings	Nov. 1950	0
North Carolina	Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown	Nov. 1950	5

In the following States we have no Chairmen as yet:

State	Sustaining Memberships Already Received
Arkansas	0
Florida	0
Louisiana	1
Oklahoma	0
Texas	2
Virginia	3

In addition, we have received, in response to a letter sent to all members outside the South, 15 Sustaining Memberships. The grand total is 61 Sustaining Members.

We are setting a goal line of March 15, 1951, for each State to have finished its job. You will remember that each State is expected to find fifty people who will either send us the $100.00 or get us ten Sustaining Members.

Where we have State Divisions, $3.00 of each $10.00 membership will be returned to the treasurer of the State Division.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

December 14, 1950

U. S. National Commission for UNESCO
UNESCO Relations Staff
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

We are in receipt of the publication "UNESCO and Its Programme III - The Race Question".

If feasible, we should very much like to distribute copies of that excellent report to our members. Such distribution, we believe, would be uniquely effective, since our membership is drawn from persons of both races in the Southern States who are interested in furthering interracial cooperation. Approximately 3,000 copies of the report would be required.

We should appreciate advice as to whether the report is available in that quantity, and, if so, whether there is a charge for it. We are prepared, of course, to bear the expense of postage, but our small budget would make anything much beyond that prohibitive.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

December 14, 1950

Miss Dorothy Jones
Department of Sociology
Winthrop College
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Miss Jones:

Thanks for writing so promptly about the latest survey developments. We're delighted that everything is going so well.

The tentative meeting dates you mentioned, January 8 or 9 or 10, will be fine. Just let us know when, and we will get someone there.

Have a Merry Christmas, and we'll be seeingyou before too long.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Fleming
Survey Assistant

December 14, 1950

Miss Marjorie Minkler
Woman's Division of Christian Service
Board of Missions, Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, N. Y.

Dear Miss Minkler:

We regret that our present edition of the MANUAL FOR THE HOME-TOWN SELF SURVEY is completely out-of-stock at the moment. A new revised edition is just about ready for the printer, however, and we shall be glad to notify you when it is available. In the meantime, we are returning your 25¢.

We are also sending you separately a copy of our report on the Greenville, S.C., self-survey, GREENVILLE'S BIG IDEA.

Sincerely yours,

Jane P. Fleming
Survey Assistant

Enc. (25¢)

December 14, 1950

Mr. Jonathan Daniels
1540 Caswell Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Johathan:

The major factor, I think, is the disappearance in the New Deal-Fair Deal period of those millions of people who used to show up in the income statistics with annual cash incomes of less than $300, or in their hundreds of thousands of less even than $50. There aren't any such people any more. They are into the labor market. They have got cash in their breeches pocket. Their kids are in school. They are climbing up in the esteem of their neighbors. And people get out of their way when they go to vote. That's the big change. These other things have all flowed from that.

We have put you together a box of other bones. I hope one, two, or three of them will prove useful to you as you build what you have to say.

The Honorable John Temple Graves ought to be a fairly easy guy to take to pieces. A little logic, and the man would have to melt in your hands.

Flourish.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

December 14, 1950

Miss Mae W. Murray
Division of Libraries and Institutes
Department of State
1778 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Murray:

In reply to your letter of December 11 (OEX:ILI:IW), we are happy to send you, under separate cover, a copy of our pamphlet "Safety, Security, and the South".

The price of this publication is ten cents (10¢) per copy.

We shall be glad to send you copies of our price lists as they appear.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

December 14, 1950

Miss Dorothy Jones
Winthrop College
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Dorothy:

Very nice to see you in Rock Hill and to hear your excellent news.

We thank you a lot.

You all set the date for the meeting you want, and we will get a suitable person or persons there.

I had a pleasant pop-in visit with your mother and father, who were glad to hear you were chipper.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

December 14, 1950

Mr. W. W. Gibbs
Ingraham Building
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Gibbs:

Here is a first report on 50 for '51.

We will move Florida up to the top category as soon as you pick the Chairman and get the Committee going.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

December 14, 1950

Rev. L. J. Toomey, S.J.
Loyola University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Father Toomey:

What do you want to do in Louisiana about 50 for '51? Here is a first report on how it goes.

I know the new Louisiana Division needs to raise money for itself. As you are so new, it could be possible to sidestep this whole effort for the time being. We did not press Arkansas until just the other day to get busy on it. But I am in hopes that your ingenuity can find a way to get a fair proportion of the new ten-dollar memberships from over Louisiana (as well as from New Orleans).

In our experience, the best way to proceed is to appoint a small committee which reviews the membership list and the memory of the committee members and makes up a list of people who can either find $100.00 or get ten new ten-dollar members. Then it is up to members of the committee and their many friends to see or write to each of those possible hundred-dollar persons.

Tell me what you think it is wise to do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

December 14, 1950

Dr. J. L. Clark
Division of Social Science
Sam Houston State Teachers College
Huntsville, Texas

Dear Dr. Clark:

Here is a first report on the 50 for '51 campaign in the other States.

Do please at an early date give me your advice as to what I should do in Texas. If need be, I will come to Texas to try to get it rolling.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

December 14, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I have not got any further with a Virginia committee, though I have thought about it a lot. Would not Gordon Hancock and Arthur Mitchell make two excellent committee members, needing only a Chairman? It seems to me somebody in Norfolk might be the proper Chairman. Virginius Dabney is always the best, but I would not expect him to take the job. Any advice on how to get it going in Virginia?

I have written to the right people in the States where it is not yet moving and hope for results from them soon.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

December 15, 1950

Mr. E. C. Peters
Paine College
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Peters:

That was extremely kind of you to fish out and send to us the papers.

I am sure the transaction cost at least a dollar, and we send that for what was out of pocket with you, together with our warmest thanks.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

December 15, 1950

Rev. C. Emerson Smith
109 West Grace Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Emerson:

Here is a letter we have sent to heads of all our State Divisions.

Would the Department of Interracial Cooperation of the Virginia Council of Churches be willing to work it out on the same plan? I do hope you will think that worth doing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

December 15, 1950

Mrs. M. J. Lyells
1116 Montgomery Street
Jackson 3, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

We do thank you greatly for the minutes of the October 26 meeting. I am a judge of minutes, and I praise yours.

We wrote to all your $10.00 nominees a couple of days ago. Many thanks.

Mrs. Huff will write you about getting your membership into an exact monthly groove.

We have noted the names of Dr. Minter, Hodding Carter, Mrs. Lyells, Mr. Otis, and Mr. Schaeffer as persons who have promised to be part of the 50 for '51. Dr. Minter has already discharged his obligation completely.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

December 15, 1950

Mr. O. D. Duncan
Oklahoma A & M College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Duncan:

What is the best way for us to get this circulated to Oklahoma school superintendents? The reach from Atlanta to your cities is pretty long. As you have no Oklahoma Division, and therefore no treasury, we would be glad to do the clerical work of a mimeographed letter and would send you (or anybody you made arrangements with) the leaflets in stamped envelopes with mimeographed enclosure stuffed in. Then there would simply be the matter of dumping them into a mail box in Oklahoma.

Or is there something quite different to be done in your State?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

December 18, 1950

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Dept. of Sociology
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Guy:

Many thanks for your dope about Charles Mangum. I can quite understand his position and think it on the whole a generous arrangement.

I have written him as enclosed.

I find that a young law professor named Albert Cotton, now teaching in Richmond, used to work in the Department of Agriculture and has done a lot in this field. He and I have been corresponding, and he is supposed now to be writing a draft of a pamphlet.

I hear also from Charles Johnson that he and others at Fisk have done a good deal in this field. I have propositioned him for permission to bleed his work, but have not yet had CSJ's reply.

I have written to the Ohio Farm Bureau people about how best to cast such a pamphlet into a form that will make it useful for farmers' discussion groups.

So all in all, I think things might well come to hand.

The Executive Committee meets tomorrow and we are a-flutter with reports and sandwiches.

Best to you and Guion.

Sincerely,

GSM:er
Dictated 12/15/50

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

December 18, 1950

Mr. Charles Mangum
510 East Franklin Street
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Mangum:

Guy wrote me about the thinking you have done on the letter I sent.

I think the offer you make is a generous one, and we certainly take you up on it. I have not yet received the money that the National Sharecroppers Fund has promised to pay, but I have sufficient faith in them to make you now a promise to pay you a hundred dollars for permission to us to read your manuscript (corrected or uncorrected is immaterial to us). We would suppose under this arrangement that we could use in the final pamphlet ideas from your manuscript, and conceivably brief verbatim quotes. But we would not use your material in direct or indirect form without advance written permission from you.

I have been working with Albert Cotton, who is now teaching law at Richmond, and he is doing an outline toward a pamphlet.

I hear also that Charles Johnson has done a good deal of work in this field, and I have asked permission to draw on his work.

I put in an extra copy of this in case you want to send it on to Lambert Davis.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

GSM:er

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

12/18/50

STAFF:

We are having the mimeograph machine repaired and cleaned. Arrangements have been made for A.B. Dick Co. to pick up the machine Tuesday, December 26. Work on it will probably take three or four days. If this inconvenient, let me know right away.

We are also selling our hand mimeo machine. The A.B. Dick Co. will pick it up at the same time.

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December 18, 1950

Miss Adele Minahan
1930 College Street
Columbia 5, South Carolina

Dear Miss Minahan:

Our many thanks for the check for $133.00 covering membership dues for South Carolina members. We hope to return your portion soon.

Am I correct in interpreting your notations as follows:

State dues and council donation - out of the $10.00, $1.50 will go to S.C. and $8.50 will stay here.

State Dues, state contribution - out of $6.00, all will come to South Carolina

Unless I hear from you to the contrary I will divide the memberships as indicated.

Seasons greetings from the staff.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

December 18, 1950

Mr. J. M. Tydings
The Lincoln Institute
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Tydings:

Thanks for the two sustaining memberships. Your good letter should urge Christmas giving to the Council. Let's hope so.

We will be glad to acknowledge contributions here and have done so for the two you sent.

Let us have more news from Kentucky. We did hear that Mrs. Young ran for a position on the school board, but haven't yet heard the outcome.

Best wishes from the staff for a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

December 18, 1950

Mrs. H. D. West, Sr.
Bowman, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. West:

Thank you for your check for twenty-four dollars to pay for eight memberships in the Southern Regional Council.

We hope that these people will find our literature interesting and valuable.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh

Return to N.H.

December 18, 1950

Mr. W. L. Derricote
Florida A. & M. College
Division of Education
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Derricote:

We are complying with your request to resign your membership in the Southern Regional Council.

Your interest in the Council is appreciated and we hope that in the future it will be possible for you to renew your membership.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh
cc: Mrs. White, Secretary
Florida Division, SRC

December 18, 1950

Mr. Frank A. Norman, Jr.
West Point, Georgia

Dear F. A.:

We reluctantly return your check; you were billed by mistake. It won't be necessary to renew your New South subscription until December 1951. Sorry about our error.

Do wish we could see you during the holidays, but we're planning on leaving for Miami the end of this week and will have our own Christmas here several days early.

Are the plans for an Army of three or four million likely to affect you? We are sitting tight and calling headquarters frequently. The latest is that they are asking for proof of Win's legal education and standing in contemplation of setting up a legal department of greater proportions than that during World War II. From here it looks infinitely more desirable than the infantry.

Our wishes for the best of all possible holidays. Regards to the family.

Sincerely,

December 18, 1950

Miss Julia F. Allen
Berea College
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Miss Allen:

How very kind that was of you to send the pamphlets out to all those people.

We will hope that a lot of them will join with you and with us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive, Director

GSM:er

December 18, 1950

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mays:

Here is the item.

We have demanded a retraction.

Copies of this are scarce. I think one of the few that we have should be yours, but perhaps you will keep it where it could be got if we had to have another.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.: Augusta Courier 12/11/50

December 18, 1950

Mr. A. D. Beittel
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Mr. Beittel:

Thank you so much for your letter of December 15 saying that the Alabama Division will be glad to send "Representation for All" out to county and city superintendents. We are forwarding the 200 copies you asked for.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Beth Rogers
Secretary to George Mitchell

December 19, 1950

Mr. John Long
Southern Christian Institute
Edwards, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Long:

Many thanks for your letter of the 16th saying that the Mississippi Division will be glad to mail out the copies of "Representation for All" to school officials there.

A hundred copies are being mailed to you today.

The best of Christmasses.

Sincerely,

Beth Rogers
Secretary to George S. Mitch

December 19, 1950

Mr. Donald W. Rich, Jr., Chairman
Social Studies Department
The Peddie School
10 Memorial Hall
Hightstown, N. J.

Dear Mr. Rich:

We are glad to have your letter expressing an interest in the Council's two latest publications.

SAFETY, SECURITY AND THE SOUTH is available at ten cents (10¢) per copy, and the November issue of NEW SOUTH at five cents (5¢) per copy -- or $7.50 for fifty copies of each. These minimal prices do not permit us to offer discounts for quantity orders.

Any order you might wish to place will be filled promptly.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

December 19, 1950

Rev. L. J. Toomey, S.J.
Loyola University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Father Toomey:

The by-laws which the Louisiana Division of the Southern Regional Council adopted provide in Article VIII for the return by this office direct to the New Orleans Committee of half of the dues receipts from members of the New Orleans Committee. This is stipulated provided that we have the written approval of the Chairman of the Division and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Council.

We are proceeding to follow that Article in our return of half of the dues. But pro forma the written permission of the Chairman of the Louisiana Division should be in our files.

It is not a matter for any special hurry, but perhaps you can cause it to be acted upon one way or another at the next meeting of the Louisiana Division.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

CC: Mrs. Helen Cohn
Mrs. Norma Huff

Dec. 19, 1950

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jane Fleming

FROM: George S. Mitchell

Would you get in touch with the Decatur ladies and see what happened?

G.S.M.

GSM:er

December 19, 1950

MEMORANDUM

TO:. Norma Huff

From: George S. Mitchell

Consequent upon the action of the (non-quorum) meeting of the Executive Committee December 16, it will now be necessary for us to send to the Marshall Field Foundation, shortly after the publication of each issue of New South, the following items:

1. A copy of the issue.

2. A statement of just what expenses were met from the Marshall Field grant.

I would be grateful if you would take responsibility for preparing these reports. But in order that I may continue to be informed, I would appreciate the opportunity to initial the green copy of each such outgoing report.

G.S.M.

gsm:er

December 19, 1950

MEMORANDUM

TO: Norma Huff

FROM: George S. Mitchell

Memorandum regarding the ~~[illegible]~~ use of the Marshall Field grant in payment of printing bills for New South should be amended as follows in view of the desires of the Executive Committee as expressed at their (non-quorum) meeting of December 16, 1950:

Postage may be paid from the Marshall Field money for issues of New South subsequent to date of grant.

We are authorized to pay some part of Mr. Fleming's salary from the Marshall Field grant, but it is my judgment that it would be unwise to do this unless later on in 1951 we find that the drain of printing and postage against the grant will have been sufficiently small to permit such a salary charge.

G.S.M.

GSM:er

December 19, 1950

MEMORANDUM

TO: Norma Huff

FROM: George S. Mitchell

RE: Division of dues with Louisiana Division and New Orleans Committee

The key document is the by-laws of the Louisiana Division. They provide that in the Louisiana Division any chapter customarily maintaining paid personnel may, with the written consent of the Chairman and of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Council, have the ~~rightful half of SRC dues~~ returnable paid to the Chapter's treasury, completely and directly.

Because of the brief interval between the organization of the Louisiana Division and Mrs. Cohn's departure, I suppose the written permission has never been written out, but still in adopting those by-laws that was the intent.

We ought therefore from the date of the organization of the Louisiana Division forward, to send to the Louisiana Division treasury the rightful half of the dues of members simply of the Louisiana Division; and to send to the treasury of the New Orleans Committee on Race Relations the ~~rightful~~ half of the dues of its members.

returnable

As to how to distinguish, in the case of new members, it would be an almost inclusive rule that persons resident in Orleans and Jefferson Parishes, Louisiana, are considered members of the New Orleans Committee, and residents of all other Parishes are considered members of the Louisiana Division.

We must remember that under the by-laws of the Louisiana Division, members of the New Orleans Committee are also members of the Louisiana Division, but they have the benefit of this special arrangement as to the returnable half of their dues.

GSM

December 20, 1950

Mr. George J. Hecht
American Parents Committee
52 Vanderbilt Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hecht:

My apologies for being so delayed in answering your letter of October 25.

We are too poor and too few to do on our own a real fact-finding job about children in the South. The best suggestion we have is to take the reports that will have been made to the White House Conference on Children and Youth and sift from the Southern ones the material you want.

Provided the reports contain good material, the Council would be happy to take some part in, or even do all, the work of fitting together from them a report about children in the South. But we simply can't, without financing that isn't in sight, do any field research.

I will come to see you when next I can get to New York.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

December 20, 1950

Mr. Thomas F. Byrd
Wingdale, New York

Dear Mr. Byrd:

I do thank you for going back again to see the Congregationalists and for whatever you can get done with the Presbyterians.

We have had no windfalls, though we did get another thousand two or three weeks ago from Independent Aid. It went in a flash to cover current debt. Unless we are lucky in the last two weeks of this year, we will come up against December 31 with the printer and the telephone and the stationer and the staff in the whole by better than $3,000.00. I don't know where we are going to get any $2,000.00 to send to you, though if I get anything above these undelayable debts, I will send it to you.

The debt to you is deeply on my conscience, and I am most anxious to discharge whatever we can of it at the earliest possible date.

Come and see us when you can get to Atlanta. And if I can do you any favor at this end, I will be most happy to do it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

Dict. 12/14/50

December 20, 1950

Rev. H. Brent Schaeffer
1520 Robinson Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Schaeffer:

You will remember that I wrote to Mr. Harold C. Letts to ask about some help to the Council from the Lutheran Church as a whole. He was kind enough to send me a list of head people in the various synods and to review a draft of a letter which I have subsequently sent to the President and the Chairman of the Social Missions Committee in each of the synods in the South.

Mr. Harold A. Wolff has very kindly replied under date of December 8 from Laurel. He was doubtful that his synod could do anything immediately, but was interested in recommending a contribution. He said he would be in touch with you for further information about the Council.

I know that you know we will all be grateful for whatever it may be possible for you to do.

Though 50 for '51 has been disappointing so far, I hope that the first report sent you the other day will stimulate others. How sweet a thing for Mississippi to be at the head of the list. And so far ahead. Yet still, the goal, you remember, was $50,000.00 from 50 for '51.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

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New South: Nov., Sept. Oct., Aug., July, 1950

December 20, 1950

Mr. John S. Atlee
8 West 703rd Street
Shanks Village
Orangeburg, New York

Dear Mr. Atlee:

You have got hold of a mighty good idea. But surely the means to carry it out would have to be vastly greater than what you have put down. A committee of a hundred people busy with other things and an office with one full-time paid person is hopeless provision for what you want to do. You need a hundred brains paid ten thousand a year, and many clerks, and a great library, and a printing press to serve them.

Maybe you could get some princely foundation to endow a whole new university to do that job. Or maybe with less money you could contrive a sort of super-regional coordination of social science faculties (one in each of five or six parts of the country) and then a central coordinating faculty for the regional ones.

It doesn't seem to me the sort of thing you can usefully make any headway on at all with the good will and self-sacrifice of people who have full-time obligations to their own jobs.

But I agree ~~with~~ the notion that if the social scientists could concert their stuff and put it out understandably, the country would take it.

I will gladly send you some things about our Council. Perhaps I speak the more feelingly above because we try in our brokeness to do much of the job you outline.

The Southern Conference for Human Welfare disbanded a couple of years ago. Before that event, it sprouted an educational (and therefore tax exempt) wing of itself called the Southern Conference Education Fund. This survives at 808 Perdido Street, New

Orleans, with Jim Dombrowski as the paid man. They put out a lively paper called The Southern Patriot. They move more nimbly than we, but I prefer us.

I suppose you know that Broadus and I are brothers.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

December 20, 1950

Mr. David Mitchell
218 Seventh Avenue North
Mount Vernon, Iowa

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

All I can do is refer you to the standard books -- Ira Reid's, Northrup's, and perhaps Cayton and Mitchell.

A couple of guys from Fortune Magazine interviewed me and put some paragraphs from what they got into the November 1946 issue of Fortune, "Labor Drives South."

An article I wrote once about Southern labor and the Negro appeared in the Phi Beta Kappa magazine, The American Scholar. That would have been sometime in 1935.

Surely there have been some Masters theses on it. There is an index of these things somewhere. You could probably dig up ten unpublished Masters theses on that subject.

Bob Weaver's book about the Negro in war industry has some good stuff in it. The Cayton-Mitchell book has a fair, though old, bibliography. I know a good deal about it and could tell you about it, but I don't know how to give it to you unless you can find your way to here.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

December 20, 1950

Dr. Will W. Alexander
New Hope Farm, RFD #3
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Will:

I could still use that list that Jonathan Daniels has. Will you make another try at getting it for us, please?

Your expense account burdens my conscience. 'Twill be paid.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

December 20, 1950

Mr. Maxie C. Collins
Dutrow-Progressive, Inc.
P. O. Box 5376, Five Points
Columbia 5, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Collins:

I would be warmly in favor of such a meeting as you outline in your letter of December 16.

I doubt that you need to do a lot of winnowing of topics. Get the right people together, and the topics will sort themselves out.

As useful people, I suggest:

Alex Heard, Dept. of Commerce, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C. Did much of the work on V. O. Key's book.

Paul Christopher, Tennessee Director, C.I.O., 903 N. Broadway, Knoxville, Tenn.

Calvin Hoover, Dept. of Economics, Duke University, Durham, N.C. Not that I class him as a liberal, but he knows a lot about industry in the South. Does the work for the Committee of the South.

William E. Cole, Professor of Sociology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Mrs. Cassandra Maxwell Birnie, Attorney at Law, Orangeburg, S.C.

John A. Griffin, Dept. of Sociology, Emory University, Emory University, Ga.

Tart Bell, American Friends Service Committee, Greensboro, N.C.

Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton, Executive Secretary, Atlanta Urban

League, 239 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Ga.

Charles Ryland, Attorney at Law, Tappahannock, Va. Young fellow, starting out. Quite representative of good, slow-progressive Virginia opinion. His father as professor of chemistry at Richmond College has for many years led the interracial movement in Virginia.

The Catholic Committee of the South has a full-time paid secretary at New Orleans. His name is Philip S. Ogilvie, 7927-A St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans 18, La. The Acting Chairman of the Catholic Committee of the South is Rev. Maurice V. Shean, C.O., 434 Charlotte Avenue, Rock Hill, S.C.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith keeps three paid men in the South: Alex F. Miller, 11 Pryor Street, S.W., Atlanta, Ga; Theodore Freedman, 403 East Franklin, Room 307, Richmond, Va.; and Brant Coopersmith, 8204 Palm Street, New Orleans, La. All three are good eggs.

A good man at Tuskegee is Ernest Neal, Professor of Rural Economics or something of the sort. He has done a lot of work and thinking about Negro rural life.

I could rake together other names in other states. I have tried for the most part to give you youngish people, less known but best informed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

December 20, 1950

Mr. Alfred Starr
Bijou Amusement Company
423 Fourth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Starr:

We still need to match, with a total of $1,500.00, a $1,000.00 grant from a foundation in the South, made to help us carry on our Home Town Self-Survey project in 1951. We have reason to believe that $500.00 of it will be forthcoming as a contribution to printing costs from friends here in Atlanta, and that another $500.00 will come from a friend in New York.

I recall that you wrote us not long ago that you had made all your gifts for 1950 and could not in this year help us with our need.

Would you be kind enough to consider helping on the self-survey project for 1951? As I have said, we have the prospect of lacking only $500.00 of enough to match the grant. Five hundred dollars would make possible the continuance of a program which has shown striking success in tapping local resources and strength.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. Your files will contain full information about the survey project. The foundation granting the $1,000.00 has insisted on anonymity, but has authorized me to say that possible contributors will receive full information from correspondence with Mr. W. B. Stubbs, Trust Company of Georgia Building, Atlanta 3, Georgia.

GSM:er

December 21, 1950

Miss Laura S. Ebaugh
Furman University
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Miss Ebaugh:

Sorry we missed you on your visit to Atlanta last Saturday. The COLLIER'S article sounds like an interesting possibility, and we would have liked to discuss it with you.

Much of the information Mr. Derrieux would want is contained in various Council publications. We will be glad to send all such material to Mr. Derrieux or to whatever writer he designates. Short of writing the article ourselves, we would hardly be able to supply all the statistical information on Southern problems and progress without knowing much more about the kind of article planned. However, we would be very happy to answer any specific questions the writer might have and to cooperate as best we could in furnishing the necessary information.

You will be interested to know that, in the issue of COLLIER'S appearing on December 22, there is an article on Mrs. Tilly which contains much of the more colorful information which would be necessary in a piece such as Mr. Derrieux suggested.

We continue to be proud of Greenville's survey and of you and the others who made it a success.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/f

December 21, 1950

Mr. Richard P. Windisch, Secretary
Lucius and Eva Eastman Fund, Inc.
Room 1916 - 65 Broadway
New York 6, New York

Dear Mr. Windisch:

Please express our sincere appreciation to the Lucius and Eva Eastman Fund Trustees for their very great kindness. Their generous contribution is most helpful at this time.

Mr. Brownlee has long been an interested Council member and we are writing him our thanks, also.

Our kindest regards and gratitude.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

nh:jwh

December 20, 1950

Mrs. Ellen O'Gorman Duffy
Natl. Conference of Christians and Jews
381 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Duffy:

We have cheering news from Rock Hill. The minister who has been chairman of the idea of having a survey finally got the Board of Trade people to sit down and help make up the central committee. A good steering committee has been chosen, people apparently who have the confidence of both white and Negro citizens. The steering committee is calling a public meeting in mid-January officially to launch the survey.

We have been asked to have a consultant present at that meeting, and expect to send you a more detailed progress report at that time.

In cooking up every one of these surveys, we have occasion to recall what I once heard an official of the Department of Agriculture say: It takes longer to make a dairy cow than it does to make a battleship. Apparently these democratic processes move slowly.

We continue to be grateful for the help provided by the NCCJ. It is as yet intact, but will begin to be drawn upon pretty soon.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

December 21, 1950

Miss Isabella Palais
Ecusta Paper Company
Pisgah Forest, North Carolina

Dear Miss Palais:

You were a very nice person indeed to write me your kind letter of December 19.

We are deeply sorry that Mr. Straus has had so long an illness, but it is cheering us us, as I know it is to you and his friends, to expect that within a fairly short while he will be back at his work.

I trust you fully to let me know when he would be agreeable to my coming up.

By hook and by crook we have rounded out the year in pretty good shape and with real contributions made to progress.

Your roads between Asheville and Pisgah Forest must have been snowy these last few weeks.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

December 21, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

On the whole, the meeting was a good one. Trigg failed to show up, so we did not have a quorum, but we went ahead and discussed each item and passed several provisional motions. These will be circulated with the minutes for a confirming or rejecting vote of all the members of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Wright did not name the special committee. The various names you have suggested were read and were all liked, but those present thought that the committee ought really to be named by you. I would think that your list would be helped by the addition of one name, such as Dabbs, of somebody who would fully understand (though he is of course unsympathetic with) the reluctances. Any nine of those you thought of would be agreeable to those of the committee who were present, and of course to us of the staff. Will you make your choice and write us who they are? If you can also do a single copy of a letter for those who are to be on the committee, we will type out all the original letters to them on Presidential stationery and send them up to you to send out.

I enclose a draft of an appointing letter, which may or may not accord with your recollection of what the Board meeting and the membership meeting wished and with your wishes.

We clean forgot to bring before the meeting an item about social security coverage. You will see that I have circulated that to the Executive Committee members. It does not have to be decided now, but the staff people would lose some coverage if we do not go into it January 1.

Our money is a little better than it looks in the minutes. A small family fund connected with the Eastmans sent us yesterday $250.00 (through Fred

Brownlee's kindness) and the bookkeeper discovered several hundred more that could now properly be transferred from project accounts to the general account. We took all we could lay hands on yesterday and paid off every single bill and all the State Divisions right up to date, and everybody's travel, including that of members of the Board. We now have as outstanding indebtedness only the bill to the printer of some $600.00 and the old debt to Byrd and to me, plus two pay periods owing to me. That gives us a current debt of twelve or thirteen hundred, with prospects that as of December 31 it will have grown to seventeen or eighteen hundred.

The printer's bill we do not greatly worry about, because we have the money to pay him currently from now on out, though we haven't got any pre-Field money for paying that six hundred.

When you consider that within this year we liquidated that $3,000.00 obligation to carry the self-survey project, I think we are ending the year pretty well.

I had some indication today that the steelworkers would renew their grant next year, and perhaps enlarge it.

I talked by phone with Stuart Meacham. The Sidney Hillman Fund Board had not yet met (largely because Potofsky has been so engaged in Washington matters), but no news is good news. I am quite hopeful that when they do meet they will make us a goodly grant.

No news as yet from the ILG. If you have a channel to them, it would be well to see if they can be stirred to action.

We are all terribly sorry that you have been under the weather. It is so blooming much travel that gets you, I am sure.

Use the holiday for a real rest. Best to you all.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

----- Date -----

Dear Mr. _____:

Both the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Council on November 7 and the membership meeting on November 8 expressed a strong desire to have the policy and program of the Southern Regional Council carefully reviewed in hope that agreed long-range policy could be worked out. There was strong suggestion also that the committee to take on this task should obtain advice from persons qualified in special branches of modern social studies.

Additionally, the Council faces just now the need for developing most carefully one or two major foundation appeals, and the advice of the special committee will be sought in shaping proposals of this kind.

I have chosen as suitable persons to be on the committee the following:

Marion Wright
Dr. Harry V. Richardson
Dr. Harold L. Trigg
Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton
Rev. Vincent J. O'Connell
Dr. Howard W. Odum
John A. Griffin
Morris Abram
Dr. A. W. Dent
James M. Dabbs

I do greatly hope that you will be willing to accept this duty. The pr
project-proposal material could be distributed by mail, but it will be necessary for the committee to meet once or twice -- maybe more -- in the early spring. The Council will expect to pay the expenses of committee members.

I do hope that you can write me that you will be willing to lend your thought in this way toward working out the most statesmanlike policy for the Council and the South.

Sincerely,

Paul D. Williams
President

December 22, 1950

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

A word of follow-up on the UNESCO report, "The Race Question." It seemed to us a good idea to distribute it to our members; not such a good idea to reprint it in New South, where it would lose much of the appearance of scientific objectivity. Unfortunately UNESCO could only send us 50 copies, which we propose to send out to the officers of State Divisions and affiliated committees. That will at least get it into the hands of our selectpeople.

We were all sorry to hear you were under the weather. I hope it was only temporary and won't keep you from having a most enjoyable Christmas.

Jane and I send warmest greetings for the holidays and best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming

December 22, 1950

Miss Dorothy Finley
P. O. Box 26
Bob Jones University
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Miss Finley:

We are glad to learn that you are planning a unit on Negro poetry. The Council's only publication in this field is a brief, pamphlet anthology, entitled "Singers in the Dawn," a copy of which I am sending you separately. Should you wish them, additional copies are available at ten cents each.

The standard anthology of Negro poetry is "The Book of American Negro Poetry," edited by James Weldon Johnson (Harcourt, Brace, and Company, New York). As you probably know, the Modern Library has issued an "Anthology of American Negro Literature" which includes both poetry and prose.

We received an information request similar to yours, about a month ago, from Miss Doris J. Fisher of Bob Jones University. Most likely you are in touch with her on the matter, but I mention it on the off-chance that you are not. Miss Fisher inquired about a source for pictures of noted Negroes for classroom display. I have since learned that such pictures can be secured, at little or no cost, from the Harmon Foundation, 140 Nassau Street, New York, N. Y.

Any time we may be able to be of help, do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

December 22, 1950

Mr. Melvin A. Glasser, Executive Secretary
Midcentury White House Conference on
Children and Youth
FSA Building, North
4th and Independence, SW
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Glasser:

The Southern Regional Council is a member of the Advisory Council on Participation of National Organizations and, as such, participated in the Midcentury Conference on Children and Youth held in Washington December 3-7, 1950.

As an organization with an important and widespread membership throughout the South, we are anxious that our members be informed and active in this important field. It has occurred to us that a useful issue of our regular publication, NEW SOUTH, might be devoted to a report on Children in the South. The findings of the various State Committees of the White House Conference would be ideal for that purpose. We have seen the first general reports coming out of the Conference and have found them useful, However, for our purposes, we need state-by-state data.

Does your office have copies of these individual state reports which could be made available to us? And if not, could you tell us how we might obtain them? We will appreciate very much any help you can give us.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane P. Fleming
Survey Assistant

To all 1951 Exec. Comm. members

December 22, 1950

Dear Mr. Clement:

Here are the minutes of the December 16 meeting. No quorum. So your vote is required on several matters.

Please do your best to give us your reply promptly.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

December 22, 1950

To all members of the Executive Committee:

Here are minutes of the meeting held December 16. A quorum is five, and only four members were present.

Nevertheless, important matters were discussed and made the subject of recommendations for action by the Executive Committee on a mail ballot.

These were as follows:

1. Motion to restore publication of New South as nearly as possible to a monthly basis. The grant from Marshall Field will almost cover such printing costs.

In favor: _____

Against: _____

2. The Council's standard offer to local committees arranging home town self-surveys has been hitherto to provide advice by someone from the Council's office if the local committee will pay the travel expenses. The Executive Committee members present December 16 concluded that the Standard terms should include payment by the local committee of a salary per diem of the expert for the days such services were made available to the local committee, as well as travel costs. Provision made for exceptions where the standard terms would defeat the purposes of the survey.

In favor of charging per diem: _____

Against: _____

3. Motion that a policy committee of nine or eleven members, to be appointed by President Williams, combine the functions of early advice

to the Council on policy matters and a review of particular foundation requests shortly to be made ready for the study and approval of the Executive Committee.

In favor: _____

Against: _____

Another item of business by oversight was not taken up at the meeting. It concerns the possibility that the Council take advantage of the new Federal act authorizing non-profit organizations to be covered under the Social Security System as to old-age benefits. The staff has by poll unanimously voted in favor of the deductions from salary payments needed to accomplish coverage. The remaining question is whether the Council is willing to add another 1½% of salary payments needed. If coverage is to begin January 1, the approval of the Executive Committee would ne necessary before that date.

Arguments for coverage: the usual ones in favor of a pension plan. Arguments against coverage: the direct additional expense to the Council at a time when its support is precarious. Estimated additional expense in 1951 for coverage, $352.50.

In favor of coverage: _____

Against coverage: _____

December 26, 1950

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mays:

The copy of the letter from Gordon Allport was not enclosed with your letter of December 20.

I know Emory Via pretty well and would be glad to tell you all about him. He is a good egg.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

December 26, 1950

Mr. Lester G. Hawkins Jr.
Graduate School of Public Administration
Harvard University
Littauer Center
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Hawkins:

I expect to be in Atlanta January 11 and 12. We would be glad to arrange time for the new visiting group of German exchange students about whom you wrote December 18.

If I am not mistaken, for Mr. Robert H. Johnson's group we arranged a sandwich luncheon here in our offices and invited two or three informed Negro students to meet with them. If you can give me me a little advance notice, I can work that out again. A proper hour would be 12:30 -- either day.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

Sent to all members in Oklahoma

December 26, 1950

Mr. Nick Comfort
R.R. #5, Box 198
Comfort Hills
Norman, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Comfort:

Here is a first report on what we are doing to raise money over the South for the next year. We have so small a membership in your good State that we are not presuming to set up an Oklahoma campaign committee and attempt to dredge the State for a cause which, after all, has done little to affect Oklahoma's needs.

But we let you know about it and we earnestly hope that it will be possible for you yourself and some of your friends to become Sustaining Members of the Council.

Incidentally, if you want a State Division, we would gladly help you set one up. But you would need a membership in the State of fifty or seventy-five to begin with. Arkansas and Louisiana have just lately set up State Divisions.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:bj

December 26, 1950

VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. Stuart Meacham
Sidney Hillman Fund
15 Union Square
New York, New York

Dear Stuart:

We are in fluttering hope that the Sidney Hillman Fund will meet soon and find it possible to come to our aid.

We are rounding out the year not too badly, but one more good stiff contribution is much needed.

But if you don't meet before the turn of the year, we will be again in need January 2.

Sincerely and Cordially,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

December 26, 1950

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Route 1
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Many thanks for agreeing to arrange with Miss Reid about the New Souths to go out to the school people. We will expect to hear from her and will send her the number she wishes. Then it will be your job to prepare your letter.

If you need any mimeographing or other services from us, let us know.

You cheer us greatly with your news of a forthcoming $250.00. That makes the third such sum in a row that has come out of the blue. The man who does the work of the Marshall Field Fund sent us $200 a couple of weeks ago, saying that an anonymous person not connected with the Fund desired to help us. Then yesterday an obscure family fund connected with the Eastmans sent us $250.00, so far as I know unsolicited. And yesterday came your letter. We can live very well on sums like that.

We are rounding out the year better than I expected. We have cleaned up all the small debts and owe nothing except six hundred-odd to the printer, our smouldering obligation to Mr. Byrd, the standing debt to me, and some back salary to me. In all, we will end the calendar year with not over $1600 or $1700 of current debt. And there is still a few days' time in which some of that may be eaten back.

Despite all the things in this world to bring gloom, I sarely

hope that the best of the South Carolina Christmas spirit will be around your fireplace.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Dictated 12/22/50

December 26, 1950

Georgia Safety Council
Georgia Citizens Council
20 Ivy Street, S. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sirs:

I am delighted to see the first issue of Georgia Safety News. It will do a lot of good.

In driving about the State, I have noticed the frequent use of a very unsafe practice in hauling laborers. They are often trucked about in open vehicles with no seats or insecurely fixed seats.

I know that approved and published safety standards for the transportation of laborers were worked out ten or fifteen years ago. They were a part of the standard Federal government orders in the later phases of CCC and similar programs.

I have not heard of any recent wreck in the State which toppled over a truckload of laborers, but such occurrences are always a possibility. I was told by safety people some years back that fairly simple precautions by government and commercial firms (and by farmers) greatly improve the safety factor in hauling people.

I have seen many instances of markedly unsafe practice in this regard by city and county vehicles.

Would you not perhaps care to have someone track down the approved standards and get them, at the least, widely circulated within the State. Ultimately this should be a matter of legislation.

Sincerely,

GSM:er

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

December 26, 1950

Mr. Stetson Kennedy
165 West 46th Street
Room 814
New York, New York

Dear Stetson:

I have written a note to Henry Schuman. I do hope they will use the book.

We think of you often and miss you.

Come to see us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

December 26, 1950

Mr. Henry Schuman, Publisher
20 East 70th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Schuman:

Stetson Kennedy talked with me a couple of years ago about the manuscript he was doing called Jim Crow Guide to the USA. I have not seen the manuscript, but I know in general what the contents will be.

I think it will be a useful and salable book, and I warmly hope that you will add it to your list.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

December 26, 1950

Mr. W. B. Stubbs
John Bulow Campbell Foundation
Trust Company of Georgia Bldg.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Stubbs:

We report the receipt of $100.00 from Mr. Alfred Starr, of Nashville, Tennessee, as a contribution toward matching the grant for the Home Town Self-Survey for 1951. We wrote Mr. Starr December 20, requesting his aid specifically for this project, and he sent us his check for $100.00 on December 22.

I feel some confidence about two other contributions which will total about $1,000.00, and we will let you know as we succeed in raising the full $1,500.00 that will be needed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

To all Oklahoma members

December 26, 1950

Mr. Nick Comfort
R.R. #5, Box 198
Comfort Hill, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Comfort:

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But we let you know about it and we earnestly hope that it will be possible for you yourself and some of your friends to become Sustaining Members of the Council.

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George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Same letter to all Oklahoma members

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:bj

December 26, 1950

Mr. O. D. Duncan
Dept. of Sociology
Oklahoma A & M College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Duncan:

It was mighty kind indeed of you to send us the map and the extremely helpful comments.

We are sending the magazine out to the superintendent of schools in each town that you inked in and to the county superintendent of schools in all the counties (except Alfalfa and Grant) in the eastern two-thirds of the State.

Here is a copy of the letter I sent to the State Superintendent of Schools and a copy of the mimeographed letter we sent to the city, town, and county superintendents.

I have also written Mr. Roscoe Dunjee as enclosed.

I send you ten copies of the statement for any possible use they may have.

We have rounded out the year less in the hole than we had expected. Next year will be tough, but I think we can find some way to keep going.

We are grateful for your continued friendly interest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

December 26, 1950

Superintendent of Schools
State of Oklahoma
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

Here is a statement relating particularly to school administration in the South which our Council recently issued.

We are sending copies to the Superintendent of Schools in most of your cities and county towns, and to the county superintendents of schools in the eastern two-thirds of the State.

I know Atlanta is a long way off to be reaching into Oklahoma matters, but we have only a handful of members in your State and had perforce to make a distribution from here.

We greatly hope that the statement will be sympathetically received. I do not doubt that at a good many points in Oklahoma its recommendations have already been put into practice.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

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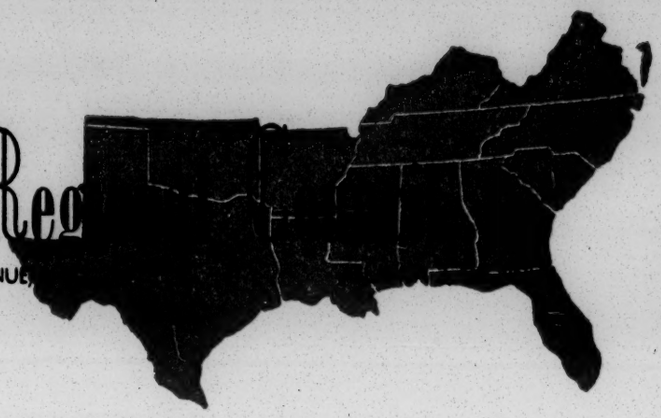

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

December 26, 1950

Dear Sir;

Here is a recommendation lately adopted by the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. We are an old established group, interracial in character, whose effort is to assist the whole South in bettering opportunity and democratic arrangements.

We will be most grateful if our statement can be read in the knowledge that we offer it as attemperate and constructive proposal.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM;er

December 26, 1950

Miss Beth Biderman
National Sharecroppers Fund, Inc.
40 East 49th Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Miss Biderman:

We are very grateful for the check for $400.00, which came in a day or two before Christmas.

I have corresponded a good deal with three people who can help with the pamphlet. They are Charles Mangum, at Chapel Hill; Albert Cotton, who is teaching law at Richmond; and Charles Johnson, at Fisk. Mangum has promised us access to his manuscript, Cotton is doing a draft of a pamphlet, and Dr. Johnson has verbally promised me help from the considerable material he has drawn together on the subject.

With luck, we ought to get something in print within four or five months' time.

We will hope for the rest of your kind grant as it may become available to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

December 27, 1950

Mr. Alfred Starr
Bijou Amusement Company
423 Fourth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Starr:

I would like to add my own thanks to those of Dr. Mitchell for your generous contribution to the Council. It is indeed very helpful to us and we deeply appreciate your kindness. Your check will not be deposited until the new year.

Our kindest regards and seasons greetings.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh
encl.

CC: Norma Huff

December 26, 1950

Mr. Alfred Starr
Bijou Amusement Company
423 Fourth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Starr:

We are deeply grateful for your most kind check, which came in today. It helps us a lot.

You will be interested in the enclosed article about Mrs. Tilly's work, which is partly done for the Council. I send also a recent publication we got out with the local Anti-Defamation League.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

December 27, 1950

Miss Inez D. Jenkins
Southern University
Southern Branch Post Office
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Miss Jenkins:

Father Twomey wrote us that he was asking you, as representing the Louisiana Division, to take on the job of getting the pamphlet "Representation for All" out to parish, city, and town school superintendents. We are mailing you 94 copies. We figured this as one for each parish, and 30 extra. If you need more, let us know. If any remain over, keep them. They may come in handy.

I would suggest that you also send a couple to the State Superintendent of Schools in Baton Rouge with a special letter to him.

The mailing to the others ought probably to be accompanied by a letter (mimeographed). It could be very brief, but even a brief letter would do a good deal toward getting it read and understood.

With many thanks for your help,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

Copy: Rev. L. J. Twomey

December 27, 1950

Rev. L. J. Twomey, S.J., Director
Institute of Industrial Relations
Loyola University
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Father Twomey:

Many thanks for your long and helpful letter of December 19.

We are delighted that you will organize for us a modest campaign to bring in the new $10.00 members.

I will be fully available for whatever engagements you or the others wish to make for me in the various Louisiana towns. So far as I know, I am free in February and March and will, in any case, fit things into your needs.

Thank you also for agreeing about distribution of "Representation for All" in Louisiana. We are sending Miss Jenkins enough copies of the leaflet to afford one for each parish and thirty extra for cities and towns.

We have rounded out the year with what seems to us a modest burden of debt and we hope, with you, for much progress in the coming year.

Please know that we are anxious at all times to help the new Louisiana Division.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

December 27, 1950

Mrs. Ashby Jones
Hotel Lafayette
Portland 3, Maine

Dear Mrs. Jones:

You and Dr. Jones are often remembered around the Mitchells' fireplace. How often I have wished to have Dr. Jones' advice on the problems that have come up!

Never did a family have two more useful additions to its table than the Chinese bowl and the big berry spoon. Ambrosia this night in bowl and with spoon, and cherries the next night. And with each appearance, I tie together Richmond and the Baptists in the old days and Atlanta and the Bluegrass and Maine.

Affectionately,

George S. Mitchell

GSM :er

December 27, 1950

Mrs. Georgea Furst
Independent Aid, Inc.
41 East 57th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Furst:

We thought you might like perhaps to have several copies of this Collier's article which features Mrs. Tilly and the Fellowship of the Concerned.

We are preparing report material for you on the Fellowship of the Concerned. We continue to be warmly grateful for the help which Independent Aid gave to that effort and the more recent grant also.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

December 27, 1950

Mr. L. P. Hollis
Parker School District
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Hollis:

We have a money problem on getting funds to continue our Home Town Self-Survey program in 1950. For the years 1949 and 1950, we had a backlog contribution from an anonymous but entirely Southern foundation which required us to match their $3,000.00. We did raise it and were therefore able to get out our manual, publicize the idea of the self-surveys, and make our sociological young lady available to towns that took it up. The foundation, by the way, permits me to say that full information about its aid may be had by interested other individuals or foundations by addressing Mr. W. B. Stubbs, Trust Company of Georgia Building, Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Rock Hill has started a survey, as you perhaps know. Shreveport has used our manual for one it is far along with, and three or four smaller towns have done partial surveys. We find it slow going with the various towns after they get interested, but we are convinced that local action of that kind is the most wholesome thing that can occur.

Now for 1951, the same foundation which helped us before has made us a grant of $1,000.00 conditioned upon our finding $1,500.00 to match it. I feel fairly certain of $500.00 of this from an interested New York contributor and of approximately another $500.00 as an outside contribution toward a printed edition of the manual. I had also today $100.00 from the owner of a chain of movie theaters in Nashville, Tennessee, toward the project. That leaves us $400.00 to go.

I wondered if perhaps someone you might know in Greenville could

be interested in putting up some part of that $400.00? There must be a good many citizens in Greenville who are convinced that the survey idea is a good one. And it would help us not only immediately but for the future if a goodly sum could come from this or that citizen of a place that did so well with the idea.

What do you think?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

December 27, 1950

Mrs. M. J. Lyells
1114½ Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

Enclosed is our check representing one-half of the dues returned to the Mississippi Division as follows:

October 1950	$16.50
November 1950	42.50
	$59.00

We did receive your second dues check of ninety-four dollars ($94.00) which has been cleared through the bank without difficulty. Sorry if this caused you any inconvenience.

Our kindest regards and wishes for a successful and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:bj
cc: Mr. John Long

December 27, 1950

Mr. C. C. Spaulding
Box 201
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Spaulding:

Enclosed is our check representing one-half of the dues return of the North Carolina Division as follows:

October 1950	$18.50
November 1950	16.50
	$35.00

Mr. W. D. Weatherford, formally a member of the Kentucky Division of the Southern Regional Council has recently moved to Black Mountain. You will probably want to put his name on your membership list.

You may be interested to know that payments on the North Carolina pledge now totals five hundred and eleven dollars ($511.00). A month ago the total was only four hundred and one dollars ($401.00). We are extremely grateful for these good contributions to our general budjet, the place where they are most needed, and we hope that the "50 for '51" campaign will bring many North Carolina Sustaining memberships.

Our kindest regards and wishes for a successful and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:bj
cc: Mr. Gurney P. Hood
Reverend Mr. Leon Russell

December 27, 1950

Miss Adele J. Minahan
1930 College Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Miss Minahan:

Enclosed is our check representing one-half of the dues return of the South Carolina Division as follows:

October 1950	$ 2.50
November 1950	10.00
	$12.50

Many thanks for your letter of December 21, clarifying the division of dues collected during your annual meeting. We hope that we can remit your portion of these dues soon.

We are very grateful for the excellent showing of South Carolina on the state pledge, and we hope the "50 for '51" campaign will bring many Sustaining South Carolina members.

Our kindest regards and wishes for a successful and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:bj
cc: Miss Wil Lou Grey
Mr. James M. Dabbs

December 27, 1950

Mrs. C. B. Smith
Methodist Parsonage
Donelson, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Enclosed is our check representing one-half of the dues return of the Tennessee Division as follows:

October 1950	$9.00
November 1950	3.50
	$12.50

In checking, we find that check No. 4342, September 25, 1950, for forty-two dollars and fifty cents ($42.50) sent to you is still outstanding. In several weeks our books will be audited for the year 1950. We would like very much to have this check cleared. If the bank will not accept this check, we will be glad to issue you another.

Our kindest regards and wishes for a successful and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:bj
cc: Mr. Alfred Mynders

December 27, 1950

Dr. A. W. Dent
Office of the President
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Enclosed is our check for the remaining amount we owe on your portion of the November dues.

From a conversation with Mrs. Cohn, I understand one-half of the dues received from New Orleans members are returned to you, while one-half of dues received outside of New Orleans now go to Mrs. Jenkins. I hope that my misunderstanding of this arrangement did not cause you a great deal of inconvenience when the November 27 statement was sent Mrs. Cohn.

In the same way, duplicate membership cards of new members from the New Orleans area will be sent you and other new Louisiana members' cards will go to Mrs. Jenkins.

We are moving slowly toward setting up the special committee proposed at the annual meeting. The last Executive Committee meeting lacked a quorum, but a suggested list of committee members was made. The special committee should be a reality fairly soon provided there are sufficient funds to convene it.

We continue to be proud of the strong new Louisiana Division. Our kindest regards and wishes for a successful and prosperous new year.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

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Encl.: Expense blank

Copies: Norma Huff
Mrs. M. B. Tilly

December 27, 1950

Mr. A. D. Beittel
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Mr. Beittel:

That was good of you to take a whole day of a precious holiday and dig about in Birmingham.

I admired your effectiveness in getting what was wanted.

We are trying to establish contact with the Attorney General today, but the government offices seem to be closed. We will reach him tomorrow, in any case.

Various efforts will be made to arouse interest in the Birmingham problem.

My memory served me ill on Roberta. She is Roberta Morgan, Executive Director of the Social Service Exchange. I don't know the strength or quality of her program. Perhaps you can pick that up.

If the Alabama Division would feel inclined to cover the cost of your trip to Birmingham, we would be grateful for that aid, but if for any reason that would be embarrassing, send us in an expense account and we will pay it.

Mr. Hardin Hughes comes in frequently and keeps Talladega in everyone's thoughts.

I see that a citizen of the town got a Rhodes scholarship the other day.

Cordial regards to you both.

Sincerely,

GSM:er
Encl.

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

December 27, 1950

Mr. R. P. Daniel
1100 Florida Natl. Bank Bldg.
Jacksonville 2, Florida

Dear Mr. Daniel:

I am still in hopes we can get a contribution from Mr. Kipnis.

Just at present a fairly modest sum would yield us quite a large total amount. We carried the project for helping towns make self-surveys during 1949 and 1950 mainly through the aid of a grant of $3,000 from an anonymous (entirely Southern) foundation. We had to match that amount, and did so with help from here and there. Now the same foundation has granted us $1,000 for the self-survey program in 1951, but we have to match it with $1,500. We are fairly sure of $1,000 of the needed $1,500, and yesterday we had $100 from a Nashville business man. So we lack $400 of enough to get $1,000.

You know what the Jacksonville survey did. You know also that Greenville, South Carolina, did a noble job with theirs. Rock Hill has chosen its committee to do one. Shreveport has used our manual for a survey they are nearly through with, and four or five smaller places have done full or partial surveys. If we can be active in it during 1951, I think the program will be so well launched that it will spread of itself.

Would you be kind enough to see if Mr. Alsop and Mr. Kipnis would be interested in helping in this most rewarding way?

Sincerely,

GSM:er
Encl.: Greenville's Big Idea

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

December 27, 1950

Mr. Ralph A. Rose
Race Relations Committee
American Friends Service Committee
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Ralph:

I can throw some ideas in the pot, but it seems to me the pot is still a good way from coming off the stove.

There are perhaps three age groups that would benefit -- sub-teens, lower teens, and college. For children under twelve, it seems to me scarcely worth the arranging.

The Southern children could be found. One way would be for the Council, using its friends in each of the States, to finger out the families who would wish to send their children. Another way would be to work through the trade unions at each end of the line and thereby get away more from the middle-class and persuaded group that the Council would be able to turn up. Our friends would have children brought up in homes where the predisposition is already for understanding. There is something to be said for getting just such children, because they will set a pace later on, and a good many other people will follow. But it would be more usual to argue that a less select group should be found in order that the experience might encounter all typical difficulties.

I keep remembering what you will know about -- the distresses in Great Britain when evacuated London children were hospitably taken into country homes. On that analogy, I would argue strongly for matching children and homes culturally. I don't go so far as to say put professors' children in professors' homes, but I would stick to compatible cultural backgrounds.

I quite agree with you that the occasion for such gatherings ought

to be a business in hand and not simply the celebration of interracialism. But I don't get excited about vocational guidance. Perhaps I should. I would be more interested in Peace and War, and most interested in a gathering to explore what youngsters have learned, right and wrong, in school about each other. A lot of people just now, including SRC, are puzzling about what ought to be taught in the schools about race. Something very interesting indeed could be written out of what a chosen group of Southern young people might say they had learned in school on this point.

Suburban Philadelphia is perfect for one meeting place. For a Southern one, I can only suggest Berea. They could do it, but I don't know where else it could be done.

When more thinking readies the pot, let us know, and we will do whatever we can to help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Ex Executive Director

GSM:sr

December 27, 1950

Mrs. William C. White
Okeechobee, Florida

Dear Mrs. White:

Sometime ago, a change of address for Mrs. Homer A. Bain of Clewiston, Florida was forwarded to us by you.

We have searched our records carefully and have found no record of Mrs. Bain having joined the Council.

Will you please send us from your records the joining date of Mrs. Bain, also the last date of dues payment.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Bertha L. Johnson
Membership Secretary

December 27, 1950

Mrs. Courtney Siceloff
St. Helena's Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Miss Elizabeth:

I do thank you and Courtney for stopping in Durham and doing all the other things. I think you found out a lot and planned wisely.

I called up Guy Johnson immediately after your letter came in, and caught him at home. He said he would call Wheeler and offer to make an early expedition with Wheeler to Greensboro to see Mrs. Brown. I told Guy about Mrs. Glen Fisher and reminded him that the North Carolina Division has great pots of money backed up. Reaction noncommittal, but I will be hopeful. I also told Guy that we would do any amount of typing or mimeographing or whatever, if need be.

Coming to you separately, 15 copies of the "Representation for All" New South. We love to see it circulated.

Here enclosed, check for $3.50 to pay your most closely shaved expense account.

The Golden Eagle awaits me not half so eagerly as I await it.

I don't know what put the notion into Marion Wright's head of pulling off your Board. He sent me a copy of the letter, so I knew about it.

Dabbs would be a man to consider. He is J. M. Dabbs; address, Mayesville, South Carolina. You will remember that he taught English at Coker for a longish time and up and withdrew to farm ancestral acres. You know my theory that South Carolina contains a recessive gene which every now and then produces a man of outstanding courage and independence. Dabbs is such a one, and yet he retains the good will of his fellow Carolinaians. A thoughtful

and sincere person whom you might consider is Mrs. Arthur Jones, in the Sociology Department at Rock Hill. You pay no mind to people's origins, but it seems to me important that she arose in Hanover County, Virginia. She was hooked on to VPI and the Agricultural Extension Service for a while in rural sociological research. Emancipated. She is probably the head pusher behind our Rock Hill survey.

I hear Laura Sbaugh at Furman praised, but I scarcely know her.

Tut, tut. Are there not slews of useful Board members at Erskine College?

We are rounding out the year with all our tiny bills paid. There are still sums owed to my friend Mr. Byrd and to me and to Mr. Stein the printer. But otherwise we are debt-free.

Surely you will have been told the good news that the American Friends Service Committee gave us a whole thousand dollars last summer.

A Savannah friend of mine fifteen years ago described Bluffton, S. C., to me as a most desirable spot. Comfortable old homes nestled close to the water, presided over by odd little old ladies and lighted by candles, the whole unvisited since the 1850's. Can this be true?

Affectionately,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:er

December 27, 1950

Mr. Fred Brownlee
American Missionary Association
Board of Home Missions of the
Congregational Christian Churches
287 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Brownlee:

Our Secretary-Treasurer has written in most cordial thanks to the Lucius and Eva Eastman Fund, which sent us last week a rejoicing $250.00. We took it and all else we could scrape together and had a great splurge of paying off small sums that were owing in travel and back dues to State Divisions, etc. Indeed, that gift made it possible for us to come to the end of the year with cleaner books than I have known the Council to have at this time for a good while back.

I am deeply grateful to the Fund and to you for that act of Christmas kindness.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

December 28, 1950

Miss Marjorie Minkler
Board of Missions and Church Extension
The Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Minkler:

This Collier's article is helpful in general, though as to this or that point it does not meet Mrs. Tilly's own taste.

It does put neatly, however, the effectiveness of church women in the South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

December 28, 1950

Mr. Philleo Nash
Executive Offices of the White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Philleo:

Here is a nice article about Mrs. Tilly with much mention of her services with President Truman's Committee on Civil Rights and the consequences.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

December 28, 1950

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Park Sheraton Hotel
202 West 56th Street
New York 19, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

We are grateful for this fine article about Mrs. Tilly in the current issue of Collier's. It is not to her own taste in all parts, but such articles never are.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:sr
Encl.

December 28, 1950

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I have some idea of how busy you are, but do put somebody at work toward making a decision about the land tenure reforms I wrote you about November 20.

I can see coming up an opportunity to shape a pamphlet that will be particularly useful to the program of the Committee on Land Tenure of the Home Missions Section of the National Council of Churches.

They are preparing to hold in a good many cities, if they can work it out, one-day interdenominational institutes among the rural churches on land tenure.

I have found a young law teacher named Albert Cotton, now in Richmond, who is preparing a manuscript for us. And Charles Mangum at Chapel Hill has promised to let us read his manuscript.

The National Sharecroppers Fund has made a partial payment of their grant to us, so we begin to suppose that the pamphlet can be put together soon.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

December 28, 1950

Mr. Albert Cotton
900 West Franklin Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Cotton:

We have had a partial payment of the grant from the National Sharecroppers Fund.

So I am in funds and can promise you early payment for your work when it is done.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

December 28, 1950

Mr. Charles Mangum
510 East Franklin Street
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Mangum:

The National Sharecroppers Fund has sent us a partial payment on their grant and I therefore have a hundred dollars to send you when you can let us have a look at your manuscript.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

December 28, 1950

Mr. Arthur W. Mitchell
Box 670
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Here are two copies of an article in the current issue of Collier's about Mrs. Tilly's work, much of which is done for the Southern Regional Council.

We are grateful always for your most kind interest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

December 28, 1950

Mrs. Helen Cohn
2500 A Morosgo Place, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Cohn:

In preparing our books for the 1950 audit, we have discovered the following New Orleans Committee checks are still outstanding.

No. 3364, July 20, 1950	$ 1.50
No. 4320, September 5, 1950	13.00
No. 4386, October 5, 1950	6.50
	21.00

If the last two checks are cashed before the end of this year, they would probably be cleared by the bank. The check of July 20, should probably be re-issued, or of course it may be contributed to the general budget of the Council. We look forward to clearing these outstanding checks.

We feel very fortunate to have you in Atlanta now. Do come in and see us frequently. We will be calling on you for help from time to time.

Our kindest regards and season greetings.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:bj

December 28, 1950

Mr. C. H. Parrish
926 South 6th Street
Louisville 3, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Parrish:

We sincerely hope that our delay in reimbursing you for traveling expenses has not caused you any inconvenience. We are happy to have been able to reimburse all expenses for the meetings during this past week.

We wish you a great deal of success in your efforts toward more democracy in the University of Louisville, and we are most interested to learn of the progress being made.

Our kindest regards and season greetings.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:bj

December 28, 1950

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Topknot"
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Many thanks for sending Mr. Burroughs' letter: he does not appear on our membership list, but has been receiving complimentary New South for several years. Do you think he would be interested in being entered as a member?

We certainly appreciate your efforts to find us some funds.

I enclose the material you requested plus the memorandum on proposed by-laws changes. The latter is the material we had in the subcommittee meeting of the Board of Directors; I thought you would be interested in studying it.

Our kindest regards and season greetings.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:bj
Encls.

December 28, 1950

Mr. Bernard Bernstein
444 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Bernstein:

Here is an interesting article about Mrs. M. E. Tilly's work in the South.

I send also a recent publication which we got out with the local Anti-Defamation League and some editorial comment on it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

December 28, 1950

Mr. Robert C. Weaver
John Hay Whitney Foundation
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Bob:

I have not made out whether the enclosed article about Mrs. Tilly is sophisticated or unsophisticated, but I thought you would be interested in it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

December 28, 1950

Mrs. Anna Rosenberg
Department of Defense
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Rosenberg:

I know you will be interested in this article about Mrs. M. E. Tilly's work with church women in the South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:sr
Encl.

December 28, 1950

Mr. Christian Sonne
96 Wall Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Sonne:

You will be interested in this article from the current issue of Collier's describing Mrs. M. E. Tilly's work with church women in the South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

December 28, 1950

Mr. Harry Straus
Pisgah Forest, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Straus:

Here is an interesting article in the current issue of Collier's describing Mrs. M. E. Tilly's work.

I send also a recent publication we put out for the Anti-Defamation League, and editorial comment on it.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

December 28, 1950

Mr. Virginius Dabney
Richmond Times-Dispatch
Richmond 11, Virginia

Dear Virginius:

The latest we have on Greenville is as of September 1950, and the latest on Jacksonville is as of January 1950. But both statements are pretty good. Here they are.

Meanwhile, we are writing to both Greenville and Jacksonville to see if later material can readily be had and will send a copy on to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

December 29, 1950

Mr. Lawrence A. Henninger
President
Strutwear, Inc.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Henninger:

Here is the most recent issue of

New South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

December 29, 1950

Miss Josephine Wilkins
Miami Battle Creek
Miami Springs, Florida

Dear Josephine:

Lucy told me where you are. I hope that you find things pleasant.

We had a scrappy meeting, not well planned and fussy. But it was good hard thinking controversy and in the end will help us.

We made unusually full minutes. I send you those for the Board meetings and also (what is not generally circulated, as you know) a draft of minutes for the membership meeting. This draft will, as usual, be presented to a committee of those who were present for their review.

Atlanta's "stage army of the good" is much the weaker without you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:bj

December 29, 1950

Mother M. Agatha
Xavier University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mother Agatha:

I have been carrying about for a dozen years an idea that it might be well now to try to do something with. It is a proposal that some young person be admirably trained in the science of map-making.

No American maps approach in quality the German or the British standards. Our atlasses are poor. Even our Government map-making (I know nothing about the quality of army maps) is in my observation unimaginative and weak in displaying what the map sets out to cover. We simply do not have people who have mastered the art of contour coloring. Neither have we learned the German use of color in general to expound on a map. Simply put, map-making is a European skill not yet brought over to this country.

If America is poor in its maps, the South is poorer still. So far as I know, the best work is at Chapel Hill, and I think what is done there is high in the ranks of American map-making, but nothing more. Geography is coming more and more to the fore. You perhaps saw a recent survey in the New York Times that something less than five per cent of American college students are receiving any geographical training at all. The South is particularly influenced by its geography and will only understand itself when it comes to know its geography better. It won't be long before really good texts in Southern geography will be in demand. There is therefore a probable Southern future demand for a competent map-making skill, and there is always a living for the possessor of such a skill, because the government or the army could be expected to yield backlog employment. The whole continent of Africa is yet to be mapped.

Map-making is a skill which knows no barriers of color or nationality. The first American to master the skill would suffer no disabilities.

If he were a member of a minority group, he would be the more acclaimed. The Rosenwald Scholarships are gone, of course, but the John Hay Whitney Fund in New York carries on a program much like it. And the heart of both programs is an effort to finger out persons in the South who show promise in skills hitherto little possessed in the South or in this country. And provision for training abroad has been frequent with both funds.

Suggestion, therefore: that Xavier choose a likely person and push him or her for scholarship training abroad. I should think the person chosen should have shown talent in draughting and a liking for geography and history. He or she would probably have to spend two or three years abroad, so the domestic situation ought to be one that would make that feasible. Early twenties rather than late teens for age, I would think.

Clark University at Worcester, Massachusetts, has had a noble school of geography. I visited it a year ago and got the impression that its climax had passed, but I may be quite wrong. Perhaps whoever were picked ought to have a year in this country at geography and cartography before seeking work abroad. There may be some other institution than Clark which is quite good at it; I don't know.

If Xavier can turn up someone who would be suitable for such training, I would be glad to do whatever I can toward getting appropriate foundations or individuals to understand the importance of providing the training.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

CC: Paul Williams

December 29, 1950

Mr. Julian H. Hennig
National Loan and Exchange Bank Building
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Hennig:

Mr. Dabbs of Mayesville has sent us your very generous contribution to the Council. We are indeed grateful for this gift and especially appreciate the kindness of the United Jewish Appeal.

The Council is greatly in need of support, especially in the South. Please express our gratitude to your fine organization for theirs.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh
encl.

December 29, 1950

Miss Harriett Evison
Assistant Secretary
William W. Whitney Foundation
120 Broadway
New York 5, New York

Dear Miss Evison:

This Collier's article about Mrs. Tilly's work is interesting. She is in one of her manifestations a member of the Council's staff.

Not everything in the article is just to her taste or to ours, but we are grateful for its appearance.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

December 29, 1950

Mr. Marshall Field
The Field Foundation, Inc.
135 South La Salle Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Field:

This is an interesting article about Mrs. Tilly's work. The Council is one of her several bases of operation.

Not everything in the article is just to Mrs. Tilly's taste or to ours, but it shows one of the important ways of getting things done.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encl.

December 29, 1950

Mr. Joseph K. Heyman
3860 Vermont Road, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Heyman:

Please extend our sincere thanks to Mrs. Schwabacher for her generous help to the Council. It comes at a time of great need and we appreciate your own suggestion that the Council be the recipient of her gift.

We should like very much to enter a membership for Mrs. Schwabacher or send her a complimentary subscription to New South. If you think she would be interested in either, please send us her address.

Our gratitude and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:bj

December 29, 1950

Mr. Charles Drake
Box 258
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Drake:

I remember I promised to write something for Mountain Life and Work about the pie business.

Here is what I have written. If it doesn't suit you, say so.

Ideally, it should have printed along with it a small cut showing some such map as I have drawn here. I leave to one of your Berea cartographers the draft of a really good one.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er
Encls.

December 29, 1950

Sister Mary Reginald, O. P.
St. Mary's Dominican College Library
7300 St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Sister Mary Reginald:

In October you sent us a check for seven dollars and eighteen cents ($7.18) in payment of a very old bill. Since receiving your check we discovered our error in rebilling you.

The fact is that you payed the original bill promptly. Our apology for our mistake. Enclosed is the check to cover the amount.

Our kindest regards. Please call on us if we can be of further help.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:bj
Encl.

December 29, 1950

Collector of Internal Revenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

The employees of the Southern Regional Council, Inc. have voted to apply for coverage under the new Social Security Act.

Enclosed are forms, SS-14 and SS-15a, with the signatures of all of our present employees.

Employer identification number now used in paying income tax is 59-W001651.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:jwh
encl.

April 8, 1952

Dear Guy,

I've been meaning for days to write and say what a good job you did with your Presidential address. As a speech it was a good and helpful speech, and though I wasn't there to hear it everyone told me next day that your wit and presence in giving it were charming and fine.

Good news that came to us, as you know. They will put up ultimately about 500,000, and have sent 240,000. 'Twill be in Sunday's papers. Its barely enough to put paid personnel in for three years and maybe a few months more, but that's a start, and we are game to make it that way.

We all value and honor the slogging and accurate work you put into getting the show going. We reap every day a continuing harvest from the stability and the character that you put into the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

January 2, 1953

Mrs. W. F. Bates
125 Atkins St.
North Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Mrs. Bates:

How blessedly kind of you and of the Arkansas Division to send in a check for twenty-five dollars! It goes a long way toward covering the expenses, and is extra welcome in a time of pressure. But I own to being sorry to pull down the treasury of your good and promising group.

Many thanks also for the membership from Mr. and Mrs. McKee. Katherine Stoney is out of town, but will duly and officially acknowledge.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

January 2, 1953

Miss Anna Lord Strauss
27 E. 69th St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Strauss:

The warmest thanks for all your kindnesses and help.

I can't see Leonard until tomorrow, so can't till then write up to Freeman. But all my reflection points toward going for the whole program, as originally presented way back yonder to the Ford Foundation. The two States idea is tempting, but in the present state of the administrative development of the Fund for the Republic, it seems to me riskily apt to be all they would do this year. And the situation needs able and steady action everywhere.

Here is the list of people, with what was available in Who's Who. Observe that on Mrs. Stevenson Who's Who had no entry.

I will send you a copy of what results from the conference with Leonard tomorrow.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encl.

January 3, 1953

Mr. David Freeman
The Ford Foundation
655 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Freeman,

Our warmest appreciation for Mr. Gladieux' and your time and considerate attention on the 31st wehn Miss Strauss and I came to see you.

We here in the Council have thought hard over the best thing to do. We decide it is to let the need for stable, long-range assistance go squarely before the Board of the Fund for the Republic. Nothing that we could do in the next few weeks would approach at all the importance of putting firm support behind the general purposes of the Council, for the long pull of the next several years. The School Committees would be the first order of business of an expanded program, and there'll be work for them to do for a good while ahead. Meanwhile, we'll see what we can do toward getting one or two pilot committees under way some how.

I am fully sensible of the time and effort you offered, in a period of strain, in getting an immediate request for a small sum up to head people. It would be good, but the most needed thing is the basic thing, and we put our request on that.

Sincerely,

Executive Director

January 5, 1953

Dr. John P. Dean
Field Director of Research
Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology
Cornell University
Ithaca, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Dean:

Dr. Mitchell asked me to prepare the enclosed list of Negro "firsts" for the Cornell study of changes in intergroup relations in community life.

It is drawn for the most part from our newspaper clipping files, and limited to the South, as our clipping files are so limited.

We do not know of any ready-made list or lists of Negro "firsts."

If we can be of any further help, please feel free to contact us again.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

encl.

January 5, 1953

Miss Dorothea Spellman
Project Director, School of Social Work
University of Denver
Denver, Colo.

Dear Miss Spellman:

We are sending copies of our recent publications relate d to housing under separate cover.

You will note a pamphlet entitled "Greenville's Big Idea" and two mimeographed items related to the Greenville, S. C. self-survey among the materials. SRC encourages such self-studies as Greenville did, carried out by biracial committees, as one of the best methods of extending housing for Negroes. Jacksonville, Fla., Shreveport, La. and other Southern towns have done similar self-surveys, covering housing as well as other phases of community life.

You no doubt have already consulted the very comprehensive bibliography "Selected References on Housing of Minorities," published by the Racial Relations Service, Housing and Home Finance Agency, Washington 25, D. C. (September, 1951).

If we can be of further help, please feel free to call on us.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

January 6, 1953

Miss Elizabeth Stein
602 E. Washington St.
Bloomington, Ill.

Dear Miss Stein:

Do be our friend again this year!

We are still suppliants for aid from the Ford Foundation's new Fund for the Republic, which seems at last to be near the point of decision, one way or the other. It's something of a miracle that we have kept up our place in the South these last few months, but here we still are.

This new letter to the Fund for the Republic, if you have time to read it, pretty well explains what the job now is.

For a financial report, pending the availability of the 1952 audit, but I send you what went out to our Board members, as of October 30.

We will be much in need of your bounty if it can come to us again.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encl.

January 6, 1953

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Dr.
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

Many thanks for your letter of January 1.

Here are a couple of copies of the FEPC New South.

I was told on pretty good authority in New York the other day that Mr. Parten "lately gave $5,000,000 for interracial work in Texas." If he did, I do hope he gave it to you or your friends! Can you find out any more?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

January 6, 1953

Mr. Herbert M. Davidson
Daytona Beach News-Journal
Daytona Beach, Fla.

Dear Mr. Davidson:

How very kind indeed that was of you to write, and so persuasively, to Mr. Zellerbach and Mr. Finnegan.

The Fund for the Republic is the third autonomous foundation which will enjoy revenues from the Ford Foundation. F for R is to do things in the field of civil liberties and race relations.

I was in New York last week and talked to various people. F for R is still without a chairman and without an executive secretary, but I have some hopes that by February they will have decided what to do about us.

I won't be able to bring Alice to Daytona. Too many home responsibilities. I expect I will fly, but I haven't yet worked out the trip. I will let you know in a day or two. But an certainly proposing to stay at your home that night, Friday, January 23.

Warmly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

January 8, 1953

Mrs. Ruby Hurley
Southeast Regional Office, NAACP
624 Masonic Temple Bldg.
1630 Fourth Ave., N.
Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Hurley:

Mighty good of you to help us out on the business about the parks that Mrs. Crank phoned you for.

Here are the questions we need answered for Charleston and Fort Worth:

1. What is the present white-Negro population ratio within your city?

2. Please state what municipally owned or operated facilities are available to whites and to Negroes in the areas of recreation listed below. Please indicate, as to any of the facilities which are segregated, what differences there are, quantitatively and qualitatively, between the white and the Negro accomodations, such as days or hours of operation, price, equipment, service, etc. Your comments on the relative "equality" of facilities will be especially appreciated.
   a. Golf courses (either as part of a park system of independently managed)
   b. Tennis courts
   c. Parks and their facilities generally, including amphitheatres or other activities not elsewhere discussed
   d. Libraries
   e. Other facilities

3. Are there any legal actions bearing on this subject which have been recently concluded, which are now pending, or which are contemplated for the future?

4. Please make any general observations which you believe relevant to a determination of developing patterns in the field of public-offered recreation and amusement facilities.

Mrs. Ruby Hurley, Jan. 8, 1953

We've pretty well got it in from the States and from four or five of the cities, but we need these two. We will be much in your debt for being in touch with your friends to get it.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

January 8, 1953

Mr. & Mrs. Harris Wofford
Long Hill Road
Woodbridge, Conn.

Dear The Woffords:

I'm terribly sorry that we didn't make connection on your Southern trip. I will remember about you and let you know if I get to New York, which is likely within the next couple of months. But meanwhile, if you come back this way again, do let us know.

I have lots of ideas on the bearing of the South's economic development on world economic development, but nothing in print.

One simple generalization: in the age of steam industry went to the coal mines and clumped around heavy power-making machinery. The South was fortunate in building its industry mainly in the era of hydro-electric power, which enabled decentralization; a goal to be followed in new industrial development anywhere in the world.

Another: we put our industry almost exclusively in the Piedmont area. Next step is to carry it into the old plantation Belt, where employment in full will ease the transition to new work of those made redundant by mechanization of agriculture and the shift from cotton to cattle.

I send along an old booklet, not much help now. Basic book is Rupert Vance's ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY OF THE SOUTH.

We appreciate the subscription to NEW SOUTH and send you for free the 1952 issues. It will come along in '53, and our treasurer will bill you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

January 8, 1953

Mrs. Milton Adler
61 Versailles Blvd.
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mrs. Adler:

I went to New York for two or three days last week and had the good fortune to catch Mr. Roper in. Your small card worked miracles, and he readily agreed to see me. Cordial remarks from him about all the Adlers. And then he proceeded to tell me quite a number of things of the greatest interest about the mechanics of the new Fund for the Republic. You will have seen, of course, that he is a member on that Board, and therefore in a vital position anent us.

I doubt if I could have got to see him at all without your card, and the whole Council is grateful to you.

Congratulations on having a staff. We hasten to eke out the twenty dollars of refund of dues that we were owing to the New Orleans Committee and send it on to Rousseve.

Warmly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

January 9, 1953

Dr. Carl R. Pritchett
First Presbyterian Church
Anderson, S. C.

Dear Dr. Pritchett:

I send you separately various recent issues of our small publication, NEW SOUTH.

Here are some feasible State-wide or local programs your people might take up with interest:

1. Building up within the Christian Relations Committee such close knowledge of the needs of the South Carolina or local school system as will enable informed Christian conscience to be brought to bear on the side of wisdom and fairness in the certain-to-develop school controversy of the next few months.

2. Working with local law enforcement officials in the spirit of the pamphlet, RACE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. This has already been taken by committees of church women to the sheriffs in Pickens, Laurens, Edgefield, Anderson, Lexington, Richland, Dorchester, Beaufort, and Newberry Counties. The remainder of the State ought to be covered. More important than the visits is the building of informed local opinion which will observe and work with the law enforcement officials toward use of the high standards.

3. Work to open the various occupational and professional associations to all. The Florida and Kentucky State Medical Societies are now fully open to Negro physicians. I dare say, some local societies in South Carolina have desirable working arrangements with Negro physicians, though, presumably, these arrangements fall short of full membership. The same effort should be used for nursing groups, librarians, ministerial associations, and so on. The same principle applies with trade unions. Wherever Negro achievement in skill or ability is recognized and given its normal American rewards, the result is stimulus to general Negro dignity and ambition.

4. Working in the spirit of the green booklet, RACE IN THE NEWS, by careful local persuasion bring over to the recommended practices such weekly and daily newspapers (ANDERSON INDEPENDENT!) as continue in the old patterns.

5. Promote home town self-surveys, such as the notable one at Greenville which was responsible for remarkable improvements in the material circumstances of the Negro population of that city. The method of the self-survey is adaptable to small as well as large communities, and wherever used it has been the beginning of sound and fruitful interracial understanding.

6. Explore the ideas associated with the Protestant Program for the Family Farm. It incorporated a device for surveys by rural churches of land tenure and other conditions around them. For an instance of the sort of thing that could be done--a rural church which saw to it that all its non-land-owning members farmed their land under long-term written leases, including provisions for compensation for improvements or damages, would set a fine pattern.

7. Get local people to find ways of ridding their communities of surviving shack houses.

8. Let it become a part of church people's interest to open to all, the normal American business of office-holding and administrative work.

I do hope some of these will prove helpful. Send us when it is through a copy of what was reported, if you will.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

January 12, 1953

Mr. C. A. Christophe
Business Manager
A. M. & N. College
Pine Bluff, Ark.

Dear Mr. Christophe:

I'm coming to Pine Bluff, to be there for a visit to Mr. Rust on the afternoon of Wednesday, January 28. Haven't yet decided whether to drive or come otherwise.

When I'm going to a college town, I like to let someone at the college know ahead of time, on the chance that I may be useful to an economics or sociology teacher in talking to a class or two. I have a popular talk on the regional geography, racial, economic, and political problems of the South (done a couple of months ago at Philander Smith, so someone there will know about it.)

If you, as a good member of the Council, will consult about a bit and line up what may be suitable at this period in the college year, I will be glad to do my best to fit in. I could undertake to be at the College on the morning of the 28th or, if need be, on the morning of the 29th.

No fees involved, though if I should have a chance to recruit some new members to the Council, I would be happy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

January 12, 1953

Mr. Ocie Lee Smith
1500 Bishop St.
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Ocie Lee:

Our members in Pine Bluff are Mrs. O. G. Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. Butler Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Henson, Mrs. John Trotter, Mrs. Ethel B. Dawson, and Mr. and Mrs. Christophe. As Christophe is business manager, I took a chance that he would be the right link with the college.

But it occurs to me that your intervening hand might be useful. Do anything or nothing, as seems wise to you.

I hesitate to promise to come on up to Little Rock, tempting as that is, because I may get some hurry, hurry job just at that period. But if I'm floating around loose, I will come on up.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

January 13, 1953

Mrs. Colena D. Wilhoit
Box 1071
Daytona Beach, Fla.

Dear Mrs. Wilhoit:

I've been looking up transportation for the trip to Daytona.

I expect to take the Royal Palm down. That's due at Daytona Beach at 11:15 a.m. Friday, January 23. Atlanta, however, has no assignment of space on that train, and I am dependent on what may be wired to Atlanta the day before. Howsoever, if they don't get me on fancy Palm, I can leave here on another train, and by changing at Jacksonville, be due at Daytona Beach at 11:25. Nobody need bother about meeting me at all. I will be staying with the Herbert Davidsons and will simply hike from the station over to the Paper and connect up with them.

On the back trip I have asked for space on the Eastern Air Lines plane, leaving Daytona at 8:51 a.m. Saturday morning, the 24th, and putting me back to Atlanta in time to do some needed yard work on what will be left of the week-end.

It looks like the transportation is going to cost somewhere around $60.00, which SRC will advance.

I will infallibly be on hand at the Palm Room of the Princess Issena some minutes before 7:00 p.m. on the 23rd.

Will you be responsible, please, for seeing to it that there is available a good-sized blackboard, firmly supported and tolerably well lighted? I will bring my own chalk.

I look forward a lot to being with your people.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

Same letter: Hugh Brimm, Emerson Smith, Mrs. ~~Ernest~~ Crate, Doris Dennison

January 13, 1953

Mr. Malcolm P. Calhoun
Division of Christian Relations
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.
712 Henry Grady Bldg.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Calhoun:

Can you dig back into your files to the minutes of the meeting at Nashville November 17, 1952?

You remember the people present drew up a statement which they commended to the various organizations for adoption by those organizations as conforming to organizational policy. So far, the groups which have adopted it are SRC, ADL, AJC, and CCS.

Do put the statement into the mill and let me know when, as, and if the Division of Christian Relations can agree that it approves the statement. Then it would be the Division's business to circulate the statement through its own channels and ask for implementing resolutions by local bodies, pleading against the use of racial and religious prejudice in political campaigns.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

January 13, 1953

Mr. Howard Kester
Fellowship of Southern Churchmen
Route 1
Black Mountain, N. C.

Dear Buck;

When the group met at Nashville November 17, 1952, they drew up a statement which was sent to you a short while after the meeting. Written out on pages 3 and 4 of the enclosed additional copy of the minutes. The idea was that various organizations would adopt the statement as conforming to their own policy; and then each organization would get busy to get its local groups and their friends to act according to the statement and pass resolutions against the use of racial and political prejudice in political campaigns.

The organizations which have adopted the statement are SRC, AJC, ADL, and CCS.

May we add the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen?

I think no one has any plans for publishing the statement. It would hardly help to publish it. But it ought to be approved by the organizations and circulated within them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encl.

January 13, 1953

Mrs. Ruby Hurley
NAACP, Southeast Regional Office
624 Masonic Temple Bldg.
1630 Fourth Ave., N.
Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Hurley:

Try to dig back into your files to the material on the meeting in Nashville November 17, 1952.

Again those present drew up a statement which we hoped would be formally approved as policy by many of the various organizations present or invited.

So far, those approving are SRC, ADL, AJC, and CCS. We will greatly like to add the Southeast Regional Office of the NAACP.

Does it have approval?

I doubt that the statement will be published by any of the organizations. Its recommendation calls for action by many groups, but printing the statement would hardly do good. Though it would be an excellent thing to circulate within all organizations. And that should be done.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

January 13, 1953

Mrs. William H. Hogue
5319 Cherokee St.
Houston 5, Texas

Dear Mrs. Hogue:

Mighty nice of you to write me further about Mr. Parten. All in all, sounds better than I had dared to hope.

If I could be in Washington myself in the next few days, I would hunt up Mr. J. Edwin Smith, but I hesitate to entrust an indirect contact to Washington friends. What would you think of your going to see Smith when he gets back to Houston? That seems to me normal and quite helpful. Do it if you think well of it.

Here is a copy of a letter sent on to the Fund for the Republic. If, through Smith's kindness, Mr. Parten would read it (before the end of January if possible), that would be quite a contribution to the Council.

I sent a copy of this letter to Mrs. Crate ten days or so ago and asked her to be pondering its applicability to Texas.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encl.

January 13, 1953

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Marion:

Here is a good story on Mrs. Tilly that the CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR carried. If you have any Christian Science friends, I offer it for your use!

I saw that Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt died. That may have some effect on the Biltmore Estate. Next time you are in Asheville, would you bend an ear that way and see what you can hear? I still think that property ought to be a great interracial conference ground for the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:ec

January 14, 1953

Rev. Lewis H. Deer
Pulaski Heights Christian Church
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Mr. Deer:

Back in 1949 Brooks Hays told me that a friend of his in Little Rock, Mr. David Grundfest, might possibly be brought around to sufficient interest in the Southern Regional Council to make a money contribution to it. I wrote Mr. Grundfest a couple of times; but though my letters were courteously treated, the correspondence did not end in a contribution. I have conferred once or twice with Brooks Hays about the matter, and Brooks told me finally that the effort had not been wasted and that if we would continue to cultivate Mr. Grundfest, we might in the end be helped by him.

Now that we have a going Arkansas Division, I thought I would turn this matter over to you. It may be that by careful cultivation you could get Mr. Grundfest to make some contribution to the Arkansas Division.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

Same letter to various people who attended Friends Meeting Jan. 11, 1953, where GSM made a speech.

January 14, 1953

Mr. George B. Jenkins
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

I thought perhaps you would find the Southern Regional Council sufficiently close to your interests to become a member of it.

We would greatly like to have you.

There is a membership blank in the blue leaflet, and here are some copies of our publication, to show the trend of our work.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encls.

January 15, 1953

Rev. Raymond Bernard
Institute of Social Order
3655 West Pine Blvd.
St. Louis 8, Mo.

Dear Father Bernard:

There are so many things of interest in the January, 1953, issue of SOCIAL ORDER that I need to get another copy to replace one I passed on to a friend.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encl.

Same letter to all members of the Executive Committee.

January 16, 1953

Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie
364 Hunter St., SW
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

Here are some possible new by-laws for the Southern Regional Council. They are prepared for use in the event that the Council receives considerable new resources.

You remember that the annual meeting in December, 1951, favored the principle of such reorganization, and the matter has been considered from time to time approvingly by the Executive Committee.

No action is required at this time, but we want to send out this draft for their scrutiny, criticism, and comment.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encl.

January 16, 1953

Mr. George R. Wendt
504 E. Daniel St.
Champaign, Ill.

Dear Mr. Wendt:

I can send you (and do so) the files of our publication for the last couple of years. Some scratching around in NEW SOUTH ought to give you a view of our policy. Particularly recommended--the issue called "The South of the Future," which gives an official policy statement adopted in December, 1951.

Also also in the December, '52, issue excerpts from the Durham Statement, which shaped the beginnings of the Council.

As to methods and how much dent we make, I don't know what to tell you. We think we have some effect in steering public opinion, slightly and belatedly, we know. But we do furnish in each State a cross-over between thoughtful people of both races, and our little magazine seems to be read faithfully by a lot of editors and teachers and ministers, as well as plain private citizens. Still, as it only goes out to about 4,000 people a month, it hardly makes a splash!

We have tried to be truthful and constructive and have avoided mere agitation.

We criticize ourselves for our limited reach, our poverty, and our inability to staff our State organizations with paid personnel. Absurd that in all these Southern States there are not more than fourteen or fifteen persons working at race relations. Five are with the Anti-Defamation League, three or four with the American Friends Service Committee, one with the Southern Presbyterians, three professional people with us, one with the American Jewish Committee, one with the Virginia Council of Churches, one with the New Orleans Committee on Race Relations, and one with the Southern Conference Educational Fund. If one added the paid personnel of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, that would be five or six more, I believe. Obviously, what is needed is a vigorous movement in each State, serviced by competent paid personnel.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P. S. Technically, you ought to send us somewhere around $1.50 for the literature. Skip, if you think you are poorer than we.

January 19, 1953

Mr. Howard Kester
Fellowship of Southern Churchmen
Black Mountain, N. C.

Dear Buck:

I am so glad you will push the Nashville statement. Helps a lot.

I would be delighted to do anything you want for your April meeting in Atlanta. Only possibility of a conflict is that I have promised to be present at a Richmond meeting of the Catholic Committee of the South "in April," and I don't know as yet when in April it is. If no conflict, then I am your man. And for Nashville too, when you let me know.

I am all for our working together.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

January 19, 1953

Tartt Bell
American Friends Service Committee
336 Church St.
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Tartt:

All indications are that Atlanta will continue in boom this summer. Full employment everywhere and more big industries coming in. Department store sales way up. You take a chance, anywhere, that national and international conditions would produce a slump, but we hear of no special reason why the Atlanta area would have an earlier or worse case of any slump that came.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

January 21, 1953

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Rd.
Richmond 22, Va.

Dear Paul:

Unaccountably, our files don't contain a copy of Archbishop O'Hara's letter to Henry Ford II. It is possible that we never had a copy, but that I saw only the copy which the Archbishop sent to you. I am today telephoning Msgr. McNamara and asking if he can make another copy of the original letter and send it on directly to you.

My files do contain the enclosed letter to me from Archbishop O'Hara.

I find also in the files a letter to you at Richmond, January 8, 1952, from Msgr. Hochwalt, enclosing for you a copy of a letter which, at Msgr. Hochwalt's request, the Very Rev. Father Vincent J. Flynn had sent to Mr. Hutchins--brief, but to the point. For your convenience, I copy that correspondence for you.

I send also to you now copies of the original letters sent to members of the Ford Foundation by Clarence Pickett, Dr. Patterson, Carter Wesley, Dr. Dent, Mr. Stern, Dr. Alexander, Mr. Clement, Dr. Odum, and Hodding Carter.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encls.

January 21, 1953

Mr. Channing Tobias
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Tobias:

If you have some link with Mr. Richard Finnegan of the CHICAGO SUN-TIMES, I do hope you will be good enough to send along the link an impulse on behalf of the Southern Regional Council's major request to the Fund for the Republic. You will have seen, of course, that Finnegan is one of the new members of its Board.

Here is the lengthy letter our Council's president lately sent to the Fund for the Republic, setting out the urgency of getting a real program under way in the South.

One of our Board members, Herbert Davidson of Daytona, who hea the paper there, has lately written Mr. Finnegan, but so f know, that is our only contact made with him about the Co Do help us with him or with other members of the Board of the Fund for the Republic, as you may think suitable.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

January 22, 1953

Miss Ernestine Grafton, Head
Extension Division
Virginia State Library
Richmond, Va.

Dear Miss Grafton:

We have just received your reply to our recent questionnaire regarding library service to Negroes in Virginia, and I would like to check with you to be sure that we interpret your answers correctly.

In answer to question 1, "Please indicate those communities in which Negroes have free use of neighborhodd branch libraries," your letter shows an unqualified "yes," indicating that branch libraries in all communities in Virginia are available to Negroes who wish to use them.

In answer to question 2, "Please indicate those communities in which Negroes have free use of the main library," your answer is "yes with two exceptions," indicating to us that in all but two main libraries in Virginia, library service is available to Negroes of the community.

Our choice of language in phrasing the questions was apparently a poor one. By "free use" we meant the ability to enjoy library service and privileges without limitation, rather than membership without charge.

We are particularly interested in public library services for Negroes in the state of Virginia since our clipping file and other sources have indicated that it is ahead of most of the Southern states in extending equal services.

It would therefore be extremely helpful to us if you would clarify the above points and list those communities for us which have branch and main library service available to Negroes.

We would also like to know:

(1) If Roanoke has Negroes on its board, or just on advisory committees.

(2) If July, 1952 is the date of the passage of the law providing for "free service available to all." (Date on mimeographed summary of Laws Governing State Aid to Public Libraries in Virginia)

Thank you very much for your kindness in furnishing this information.

We shall, of course, be very happy to send you a report of our survey.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

January 23, 1953

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Marion:

The good news from your brother fills in on Mr. Joyce a real gap. I had had no means of establishing contact with him. Zellerbach we had had one or two links with and used them, though we have no report on results.

We have contrived an approach by someone to practically all of the members of the Fund for the Republic. Dean Griswold at Harvard Law School we have not yet worked out an approach to. It has been suggested that we should tread carefully, as Griswold would be of a judicious turn of mind, impatient of anything like pressure. Have you some means of reaching him? I suppose it ought to be through a Harvard law graduate who is Southern, has done well, and knows us.

William Trent is son to the aged president of Livingston College at Salisbury, N. C. The boy works with the United Negro College Fund, I think. He and I have an old acquaintance from Washington days when he worked in the Interior Department.

Katherine Stoney thanked Mr. Rubin by letter directly to him January 7.

The annual award business was exploited by the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. The Catholic Committee of the South still uses it and once so honored Guy Johnson. It has frequently been proposed for SRC, but nobody has done anything with it. General view is that the device is a little shopworn. But some special twist to it might be a good thing. The old Interracial Commission had a bronze medal which it awarded to sheriffs which had prevented lynchings. We occasionally pin one of them on to the chest of some volunteer who has faithfully helped the Council!

Presidential stationery happily received.

We have a young woman making up a map of the counties in the South which, by the 1950 census, have less than fifty per cent Negro population. She's nearly through with it. We have been holding our fire on any use of that

topic until after the Supreme Court's decision shall come out. Negro leadership has now so concentrated its hopes on a sweeping decision on principle that it would be invidious for us to offer just now so tempting a compromise.

I have no further news on the Ford people but still expect them to make up their minds somewhere on the turn between January and February.

Mrs. Adler in New Orleans has an old connection with Elmo Roper. She is now head of the New Orleans Committee on Race Relations, affiliated with us. She wrote us lately that she was about to go to New York and would see Roper, and could we tell her all about the Fund for the Republic. I sent her the attached letter. It was by dint of a card from her that I originally got in to see Roper.

The Steelworkers sent us a thousand dollars January 15, which got us over that hump. And yesterday we received $250 from the Northern Presbyterians. I expect the Sidney Hillman people will send $2,500 before the end of this month. Other sums in the offing are: a possible $2,000 from Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Whitney, a thousand from the UAW-CIO, a thousand from the National Council of the Episcopal Church, four or five hundred from Miss Stein, $200 from Mrs. Ascoli, and so on. All in all, I think we'll do all right through March. The audit will be done in a few days. Our habit has been to seed the clouds with copies of it and produce thus what snowfall we can.

Warmly,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:ec
Dictated but not read.

January 28, 1953

Mr. J. L. LeFlore
Box 1091
Mobile 6, Ala.

Dear Mr. LeFlore:

Enclosed are five copies of our most up-to-date printed list of Negro police, plus two copies each of back issues of NEW SOUTH containing articles on Negro police.

The following additions bring the printed list up to Jan. 28, 1953:

Macon, Ga.	4 policewomen (school)
Memphis, Tenn.	3 policewomen (school)
Portsmouth, Va.	1 uniform (making a total of 2)
Kinston, NC	2 uniform
Nanesmond County, Va.	1 plainclothes
Beaufort, SC	2 uniform
Fort Worth, Tex.	4 uniform

Current grand totals: 13 states, 97 cities, 6 counties
475 uniformed police, 60 plainclothes, 50 policewomen

You might also find the enclosed clipping from the Miami Herald of some use. We would appreciate your returning it to us for our files.

If we can be of further help, do contact us.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

January 28, 1953

Dr. Lawrence Reddick
Atlanta University Library
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Reddick:

The Virginia law concerning library service for all is as follows:

> Laws Governing State Aid to Public Libraries in Virginia, Section 42-31. "The service of books in library systems and libraries receiving State aid shall be free and shall be made available to all persons living in the county, region or municipality."

According to the chart which Miss Ernestine Grafton, Head of the Extension Division, Virginia State Library, sent the six regional libraries, 14 of the 18 county libraries, 15 of the 24 city libraries, and 8 of the 30 town libraries receive state aid.

The original state aid law, passed in 1942, provided for free service for all, according to Miss Grafton.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

February 2, 1953

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Marion:

Here are the clippings, including an extra one of the article on Mrs. Tilly.

I do hope something will come from the contact with Clarence Johnson and Chester Davis. And if you get to see Straus, along about now ought to be time for that to come off the stove.

The Sidney Hillman people told me by phone today that they only squeezed us out $1,500 instead of $2,500, but that will come this week, they said. And that will solve our most pressing payroll problem.

I spent last week in Arkansas and saw John Rust. Future prospects pretty good for an annual contribution of a couple of thousand dollars from the John Rust Fund. He begins now to get royalties from his cotton picker invention.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:ec

February 2, 1953

Mr. John D. Rust
1416 Poplar St.
Pine Bluff, Ark.

Dear Mr. Rust:

I had a mighty good time with you and Mrs. Rust on Wednesday, and thank you both for company, conversation, and the prospect of a real link in the future between the John Rust Foundation and the Southern Regional Council.

I got along pleasantly at Fayetteville and liked the spirit of the University up there.

The travel check for a hundred dollars I duly cashed myself and turned in as cash to the Southern Regional Council. Here is our receipt to Mr. Rust for it. And my much appreciation for that check, which gave me the whole Arkansas trip for free.

We will begin to send you NEW SOUTH so that you keep up with the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encl.

February 2, 1953

Mr. Norman Hyman
17160 Stoepel Ave.
Detroit 21, Mich.

Dear Mr. Hyman:

We are sending several articles related to FEPC and Negro municipal employment in the South under separate cover, along with a bibliography of "Sources on Fair Employment Practice Legislation."

Two recent articles, not listed on our bibliography, should be helpful:

Davis, John A. "Negro Employment: A Progress Report," FORTUNE, July, 1952. Reprints from Community Relations Service, 386 Fourth Ave., New York, N. Y.

Dewey, Donald, "Negro Employment in Southern Industry," JOURNAL OF POLITICAL ECONOMY, August, 1952.

The Southern Regional Council endorses the principle of fair employment practice legislation.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

<u>Charge for materials</u>
$.15
Stamps or coin acceptable

February 3, 1953

Mr. Gould Beech
Office of the Mayor
Houston, Texas

Dear Gould:

I am used by now to seeing you turn up in spots where good work is to be done.

You should be in touch with Mrs. James S. Crate, 2410 Inwood Drive, Houston. She is chairman for the whole State of the Texas Commission on Race Relations. Quite a wise lady. Another very sound person to consult is Mrs. William H. Hogue, 5319 Cherokee Street, also in Houston. We have always had the warmest relationship with Mr. Carter Wesley and admire and respect him.

So far as I know, no Southern city as yet has an official commission on human relations. In New Orleans a few months ago there was a good deal of talk about arranging for such a thing in the new city charter, which was to be voted on last November. I don't know what happened, but I doubt if it all worked out. There is presently a good deal of talk about such a thing in Atlanta, and our mayor, William B. Hartsfield, is interested in doing it and is still exploring the matter.

As you know, it is a usual device in Northern cities, and many such commissions thereabouts have good, solid annual budgets and get a lot done. I personally think a good fair sample of the kind of work they can do is the Mayor's Friendly Relations Committee in Cincinnati. My friend Marshall Bragdon is the secretary of it. Office, City Hall. I send you some of their recent minutes.

To tell you the truth, I think the reason why the device has not spread in the South is that in a good many of the areas of negotiation that would be involved the Negro interests cannot give consent to the confinements and restraints which Southern white citizens wish to effect. Every Southern mayor has all these problems and knows that they get handled--never settled --by informal pressures. But if you bring them up to an official conference table, then the Negro members must assert their position that segregation is untenable--residential, educational, recreational, or whatnot.

I am sure you would not advise your mayor to make the foolish effort of obtaining unrepresentative Negro members who would compound for less than the full program of Negro advance.

I quite lately saw an instance of the working of this matter here in Atlanta. The mayor had brought down to his office a group of the leading Negro real estate dealers in the city. As a matter of business procedure, they undertook not to serve as brokers for housing listings for their clients beyond a certain street. You should have seen the next local meetingwhere the remainder of Negro leadership in the city had a chance to jump on the Negro real estate brokers. Whew!

Neither is this problem solved by a further enunciation of "separate but equal."

You see, in a Northern city everyone is bound to an official policy in law of non-segregation, anyway, and so all the commissioners can support a joint program.

I recommend as an alternative device the business of the home town self-survey. Read what John McCray, militant Negro newspaper editor in Greenville, said about the accomplishments in that city. I send also the survey and a list of accomplishments and a manual for making such surveys.

Dallas has had some experience of that kind of thing, worked through the Chamber of Commerce. Shreveport has mostly completed one. Jacksonville, Florida, did one. This is an informal device, not requiring involvements of official policy and legal demands. But the working together on behalf of the advance of the Negro community goes three-fifths of the way toward solving the problem.

Take twenty minutes off and study that McCray statement. And remember, McCray is no points of an Uncle Tom.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

February 3, 1953

Mr. Clyde Martin, Jr.
Chairman, Community Council
Arkansas Power & Light Co.
Pine Bluff, Ark.

Dear Mr. Martin:

In an all-too-brief visit last week to Pine Bluff various people told me of your interest in the whole community. I tried so to arrange my affairs as to give me an opportunity to drop in on you, but did not succeed.

I do hope you will consider the possibility of doing in Pine Bluff a community self-survey of the kind that has been so successful in Jacksonville and Greenville and more lately, I believe, in Shreveport.

The Greenville people have been particularly delighted with their results in building understanding and achievement in the whole community.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

February 5, 1953

Mr. Christopher Crittendon
State Dept. of Archives & History
Box 1881
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Chris:

Here is a copy of the January NEW SOUTH article that we called you about some weeks ago. Your figure for the total registration in North Carolina worked out at something like 89% of the people of voting age in North Carolina as registered voters. We had difficulty believing our eyes on that, and so switched to another State for that example.

Thanks also a lot for digging at once into the matter of your Wake senator's talk. We will make some use of the newspaper story as is. My admiration to Mr. Bailey for raising the issue.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

February 5, 1953

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Dr.
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

We are having a hard time about that annual meeting. We hate to get everybody here when there is no news about money. My guess is that the Executive Committee will simply collapse the 1952 and 1953 annual meetings and put the combined one in the summer or early fall of '53.

All these delays are bad medicine, I know, but when you haven't got money to do things, you just haven't. I still feel hopeful about the Fund for the Republic, but I don't know any real grounds for supposing that they will get their minds made up within weeks instead of in months, though there is still some hope of an early decision.

My advice would be for the Texas Commission to go ahead as best it can. We will come to your aid the moment we can get any money.

Many thanks for being part of the Statement. That's a big help. And the clippings are of great interest. I saw some of the Episcopal people in New York a month ago, and they were certainly most anxious to have the Houston meeting go creditably. I assured them that Houston could do a noble job for it.

Warmly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

February 5, 1953

Mr. Abner N. Locklear
6125 Cardiff Ave.
Baltimore 24, Md.

Dear Abner;

You are doing right to go to Washington yourself and look the situation over.

I saw in the paper that there is a bill up in the North Carolina Legislature to open Pembroke College to people of any race. Good for Pembroke!

I haven't inquired lately about the Pembroke industry but will ask my friend again where it stands.

I will come to see you, you know very well, if I get into the neighborhood.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

February 6, 1953

Miss Louise R. McKinney
Dean of Women
Stillman College
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Dear Miss McKinney:

The enclosed copies of NEW SOUTH and the list of "white" colleges now open to Negroes are sent in answer to your request for materials on integration in colleges in the South.

Our clipping files indicate that Mr. Robert Lee Hurst was appointed an assistant instructor in agricultural economics at the University of Missouri in April, 1952. Mr. Hurst is the first Negro appointed to the staff of the University in its history.

We would appreciate your forwarding .20 for the NEW SOUTH's.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

encl.

February 9, 1953

Mr. Arthur H. Lewis
6605 N. 10th St.
Philadelphia 26, Pa.

Dear Arthur:

Harold and I have gone through the list. One or two corrections. On List A, No. 18, is properly Carter Wesley, not Wesley Carter. No. 115 (Judge Waring) now lives at 952 Fifth Avenue, New York 21.

A Southern businessman who would be interested and is quite influential in his State is James L. Coker, president of Sonoco Products Company, Hartsville, South Carolina. They make paper supplies for textile mills--cones, tubes, spools, bobbins, etc. Makes a modest annual contribution to SRC and is thoughtful in matters interracial.

Otherwise, the list looks pretty good to me, and I have no one to add.

You might be interested in checking over the names of the members of the new Fund for the Republic of the Ford Foundation. Here they are.

James F. Brownlee, partner, J. H. Whitney & Co., New York
Huntington Cairns, lawyer, Washington
Charles W. Cole, president, Amherst College, Amherst, Mass.
Russell L. Dearmont, lawyer, St. Louis
Richard Finnegan, consulting editor, The Chicago Sun-Times
William H. Joyce, Jr., chairman, Joyce, Inc., Pasadena
M. Albert Linton, president, Provident Mutual Life Insurance Co., Philadelphia
George N. Shuster, president Hunter College, New York
Erwin N. Griswold, dean, Harvard Law School
Meyer Kestnbaum, president, Hart, Schaffner & Marx, Chicago

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Jubal R. Parten, president, Woodley Petroleum Co., Houston
Elmo Roper, marketing consultant, New York
Eleanor Bumstead Stevenson, wife of William Edwards Stevenson, president of Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio
James D. Zellerbach, president, Crown Zellerbach Corp., San Francisco

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

February 9, 1953

Dr. Joseph R. Houchins
Specialist, Negro Statistics
US Bureau of the Census
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Houchins:

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Secretary of the Southern Regional Council, has agreed to write a chapter entitled "Money Income of Negroes in the United States" for the 1953 Yearbook of the Journal of Negro Education.

Dr. Charles H. Thompson, editor of the Yearbook, indicated that contributors should write directly to your office for aid in securing the 1950 census data.

We would like to know whether the following 1950 data could be made available to us by April 1:

1. Family income by number of wage earners per family. Summaries by race for the U. S. and/or regions. Comparable to Table 4, "Urban and Rural-nonfarm Families by Size of Family and Number of Earners, by Family Wage or Salary Inome and Receipt of Other Income in 1939, for the U. S. and for Regions (with color for South) and for Cities of L,000,000 or more," in 1940 Census of Population, Special Reports, "Family Wage or Salary Income in 1939, Regions and Cities of 1,000,000 or More" (1943)

2. Educational attainment and income. Summaries by race for the U. S. and/or regions. Comparable to Tables 29-32 and/or Tables 33-36 in 1940 Census of Population, Special Reports, "Educational Attainment by Economic Characteristics and Marital Status" (1947)

We appreciate the difficulty of assembling speical materials and will be grateful for whatever help your office can give us.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

February 9, 1953

Mr. Alex Miller
Anti-Defamation League
11 Pryor St., SW
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Alex:

In re Mr. Philip Lerman's request on the matter of integration in the schools in the District of Columbia. Unfortunately, there is no Southern experience on this matter. We send you a copy of the work Helen Schwartz had a good hand in in St. Louis and a copy of our issue on Kentucky.

So far as I know, the only secondary schools in the whole South in which integration has been undertaken at all are the one at the Army post at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and the parochial schools of Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

February 9, 1953

Rev. Erston M. Butterfield
Southeast Convention
Congregational Christian Churches
673 Piedmont Ave., NE
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Butterfield:

We were glad to learn of the recent action of the Southeast Convention Board of Directors with respect to the Piedmont College controversy.

Like many other organizations and individuals, we have deplored Piedmont's acceptance of funds from a notoriously anti-Semitic and undemocratic source. However pure the motives of Piedmont's trustees may be, it has seemed to us an exceedingly dangerous precedent to set for other small colleges in desperate need of funds.

We have understood, of course, that the Board of Trustees of Piedmont College is an autonomous group and that its decisions do not necessarily reflect the approval of the Congregational Christian Churches. Yet the close, if informal, ties between the college and the denomination have fostered such an identification in the public mind.

It is all the more gratifying, therefore, that the Southeast Convention is using its influence to remedy the unhappy situation which now exists at Piedmont. Your efforts will unquestionably have the approval and support of responsible public opinion throughout the country.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

February 9, 1953

Mr. Ernest Borinski, Chairman
Division of Social Sciences
Tugaloo College
Tugcloo, Miss.

Dear Mr. Borinski:

Several back issues of our publication NEW SOUTH containing articles on civil rights cases have been mailed to you under separate cover.

We do not have reprints of court decisions available for distribution, except for those contained in the issues of NEW SOUTH you will receive.

About the best single source on civil rights cases is a recent book entitled POLITICAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS IN THE UNITED STATES, A COLLECTION OF LEGAL AND RELATED MATERIALS. Authors are Thomas I. Emerson and David Haber; published by the Dennis Co., Buffalo, N. Y., 1952. Gives background materials and extracts from decisions in a number of areas, including discrimination in housing, education and employment; the right to franchise; security of the person.

Other references are:

Berger, Morroe. EQUALITY BY STATUTE. LEGAL CONTROLS OVER GROUP DISCRIMINATION. New York: Columbia University Press, 1952

Carr, Robert K. FEDERAL PROTECTION OF CIVIL RIGHTS: QUEST FOR A SWORD. Ithaca, N. Y.: Cornell University Press, 1947

Konovitz, Milton R. THE CONSTITUTION AND CIVIL RIGHTS. New York: Columbia University Press, 1947

Reppy, Alison. CIVIL RIGHTS IN THE UNITED STATES. New York: Central Book Co., 1951

If you want to order additional copies of the materials sent we will be very glad to send them promptly.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

February 11, 1953

Mr. Elmer W. Henderson
American Council on Human Rights
1130 Sixth St., N. W.
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Mr. Henderson:

We do greatly appreciate your letter about the January, '53, NEW SOUTH.

Two hundred copies have gone up to you with a bill for them at four cents apiece, plus postage. The ordinary price is five cents apiece, but for quantity orders for the American Council on Human Rights, we shave to four. We have remaining about 1,200 copies and could send you as many of those as you might want.

I do hope you will get at least the 200 and some more around. It is of the very greatest importance to keep up the steam on the matter of voting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encl.

February 11, 1953

Rev. George A. Wieland
The National Council
Protestant Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Wieland:

When I was in New York at the end of the year it was then your expectation that the final decision on the budget of the National Council would be made during the period February 10-12.

We very much hope that in the final figures the item of the Southern Regional Council perdured in full vigor. If that is the case and you can send down the 1953 contribution, we would welcome it as soon as may be feasible with you. Indeed, I shall need it badly to pay my people for this first half of February.

The Council continues to be deeply grateful for the interest and support of the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

February 11, 1953

Rt. Rev. William R. Moody
Bishop of Lexington
436 W. Sixth St.
Lexington 12, Ky.

Dear Bishop Moody:

May I call on you for some help in a matter affecting the Province of Sewanee?

For a good many years, as you know, the Province made an annual donation to the Southern Regional Council—a hundred dollars each year. It came each time through Mrs. Henry Havens of Jacksonville, who was treasurer for the appropriate Province fund. In 1952 Mr. Turner in Birmingham became the treasurer. I wrote him first in November, 1952, and asked that the appropriation be renewed for that year. Though I have written again in January of this year, I have not yet had a reply from Mr. Turner. In consultation yesterday with friends in Montgomery, it was suggested that you might be in a position discretely to raise the matter and see whether the contribution could be now renewed. We even dare hope that it can still come through for 1952 and later on this year for 1953 also. The sum is not great (though it is considerable to us), but we cherish it as evidence of the support of the whole Church in the South.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

February 12, 1953

Mrs. William C. White
Eau Gallie, Fla.

Dear Mrs. White:

I do appreciate the list of Florida Division officers you sent me several weeks ago. Only today we located Mr. Davisson Dunlap (in the Jacksonville telephone directory across the street in the Telephone Building). You probably have the address by now, but in case you don't, his office address is Barnett Building, and his home address is 2919 West Lake Shore Boulevard.

Sincerely,

Emily Calhoun

~~January~~ Feb 13, 1953

Mr. Vernon S. Broyles, Jr.
Executive Secretary
Board of Church Extension
Presbyterian Church in the U. S.
808 Henry Grady Bldg.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Broyles:

For some years now the Board of Church Extension has been so kind as to make a contribution of $200 to the Southern Regional Council.

Here is our audit for 1952, showing the due application of last year's much appreciated contribution.

I am most hopeful that we can be in the budget for 1953. No sum that we receive is more welcome than the gift from the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

Feb 13, 1953

Mrs. Marion R. Ascoli
Marion R. Ascoli Fund
100 Park Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Ascoli:

Here is a copy of the Southern Regional Council's audit for 1952, to show the due and much appreciated application of the Marion R. Ascoli Fund's kind contribution of $300.

We put in much time last year on matters of local police administration. Our publication on race and law enforcement was sent in by our State organizations to all the sheriffs and chiefs of police in the South. And in cooperation with organized groups of church women, committees of the women have visited the sheriff, blue booklet in hand, in some 150 Southern counties and discussed with the sheriff the need for an impartial attitude toward all citizens. I send along a copy of that pamphlet and the issues of NEW SOUTH for 1952. They will give you a ready summary of our efforts during the year to give a steer to Southern public opinion.

We will cordially hope that the Fund can come to our aid again in 1953. The Council itself and I personally are deeply appreciative of your continuing interest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encl.

~~January~~ February 13, 1953

Mr. Desmond Walker
General Secretary-Treasurer
United Rubber Workers of America-CIO
United Rubber Workers Bldg.
Akron 8, Ohio

Dear Mr. Walker:

The United Rubber, Cork, Linoleum and Plastic Workers of America-CIO most kindly made a contribution of fifty dollars to the Southern Regional Council last year. Here is a copy of our audit for last year, to show its due and appreciated application.

We would be extremely grateful if again in 1953 the Rubber Workers could come to our aid. We keep up a cordial relationship with your people in the South, and rejoice that the Rubber Workers care to help us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encl.

February 17, 1953

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Rd.
Richmond 22, Va.

Dear Paul:

Here are five copies of the Council's audit for 1952. Use them in any way that you think suitable.

Among others I have written lately, I think particularly of Walter Reuther, from whom I requested a renewal this year of their customary thousand-dollar grant. I do greatly hope that you will do whatever it is that you do that works such magic thereabouts.

Warmly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P. S. I am heading north the week beginning March 1 and shall hope to catch you in Richmond about Monday, March 2. 'Twill be in the late afternoon when I get by. If you're not going to be there but are going to be in some other accessible spot, I would like to know your plans for that week.

GSM:ec
Encls.

February 17, 1953

Dean A. R. Meade
Athens College
Athens, Ala.

Dear Dean Meade:

Many thanks indeed for sending me the clipping about Connor.

We have made up the enclosed news release for the chairman of the Alabama Division and sent it to him. I talked to him by phone, and he said he would try to get it out. He is an able man whom you would enjoy knowing, if you don't already.

Quite right that Connor should not have the last word. They tell me there is some hope that they can get rid of him pretty soon.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encl.

February 17, 1953

Re: No. 310

Mr. Ewan Clague
Commissioner of Labor Statistics
U. S. Department of Labor
Bureau of Labor Statistics
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Clague:

We would be extremely grateful for as many as thirty copies of Negroes in the United States: Their Employment and Economic Status. We would like to send them to a couple of the officers of each of our State organizations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

February 18, 1953

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Marion:

Harold and Katherine and I have read with the greatest interest your long letter of February 11. All praise for getting thus near to the citadel.

Chester S. Davis called over here Monday and talked to Fleming, who was ill at home. He wanted to get an article in the Winston-Salem paper for Sunday, February 22, and his deadline was this Wednesday morning. So in great rush-rush, we collected evidence of action since the exhibits and sent it all off to him, air mail, Tuesday night.

It so happens that Harold Fleming did write Chester S. Davis ten days or so ago, with pleasant allusions to the success of the FEPC number.

We were teased by a long distance telephone call from New York, quite unidentified, that came through for you here Monday after 12:30 p.m. Emily Calhoun explained to the New York operator that reaching you at Linville Falls, via Marion, was complicated, and in the end she gathered that whoever the New York party was would drop the call. We thought maybe that was some of your pressures popping out.

We are setting a meeting of the Executive Committee for Saturday, March 21. Hope that is all right with you.

I haven't done anything about setting a date for the annual meeting. You remember, at the last meeting of the Executive Committee it was put that the meeting had to be before March 30. I don't see us any nearer to real decision, so I have just not set a date.

I am planning a northward trip for the week beginning Sunday, March 1. If you're going to be at home late that afternoon, I would want to stop by and check things over with you.

Mrs. Adler wrote us most interestingly. She had seen Roper for several hours in New York and had given him quite a lot about the Council. A few days later

she met him in Chicago and persuaded him to come on down to New Orleans for a rest on his way to Jamaica. He stayed with the Adlers in New Orleans about a week. So she could tell him some more. Apparently, we are in the running, and she wants us to write up a renewed request to the Fund for the Republic, casting our appeal in project form. I gather it is to be mainly the School Committees thing, but it is permitted for the money for the School Committees to carry the weight of other specific things to be done by paid State personnel also. Bless me, I had hoped that those eminent ones, the Fund for the Republic, would be beyond the stage of wanting projects, which is a baby stage in foundation work, it seems to me. And it is deucedly hard to make the things that the Council does fit into Project molds. But compelled, I guess we can. We are drafting such a thing, and I will send it up to you for your scrutiny, revision, signature, and dispatch--if you agree at all.

It does seem to me that, what between Chester Davis and Elmo Roper, plus all the other cultivating that has been done, we ought to get somewhere. Herbert Davidson got his friend, Larry Fly, former head of the Federal Communications Commission, to write to Hutchins, Griswold, and William Benton, chairman of the Board of Encyclopaedia Britannica, who is close to Hutchins. Hoffman resigned at about that time, as you know. Benton, in writing back to Fly, said, "My own impression from my talk with Bob Hutchins and Paul Hoffman is that the Southern Regional Council is exactly the kind of organization in which the Fund for the Republic may wish to take an interest."

Griswold, in replying to Fly, referred to the inchoate state as yet of the Fund for the Republic--no president, and therefore no recommendations from a president--but said, "In the meantime, I can assure you that several members of the Board are aware of the Southern Regional Council, and know of its activities. When the time comes, I feel quite certain that it will not be overlooked."

Presently finances are at a low ebb. We really ought to have an extra $10,000 to see us through till the middle of this year. That was how we made out last year. And I don't know where such a ten thousand is coming from. One reason for going north would be to see whether Ralph Rose, lately of the AFSC, has any leads. Another would be to line up renewal of the Marshall Field grant for NEW SOUTH for this year.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. I will check and try to get what you want about Winston-Salem. Harold Trigg, president of St. Augustine's College, Raleigh, taught for several years in Winston-Salem. I think, at the State Teachers College. He still knows the town pretty well. He could tell you some of the suitable persons to help.

PP.S. Can you pick up the trail of Mr. Straus again?

February 18, 1953

Mr. & Mrs. George Wolfe
7901 Carroll Avenue
Takoma Park, Md.

Dear The Wolfes:

How are you?

We are still in a rat race between the sheriff and the Ford Foundation and don't know who is going to win. Here, in the shape of an audit, are the track marks for 1952.

We get some signs of encouragement out of the new Fund for the Republic, but it still has no president and does not make up its mind.

Meanwhile, we've got a noble idea on the schools. As I think you will be interested, I send you a copy of a letter we wrote the Fund for the Republic, outlining it.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encls.

February 18, 1953

Mr. Herman H. Long
Race Relations Department
American Missionary Association
Fist University
Nashville 8, Tenn.

Dear Herman:

Many thanks for the SEGREGATION IN INTERSTATE RAILWAY COACH TRAVEL. It's a useful job and is going to do a lot of good. It came opportunely for us, because we were wondering how in the world we could collect the facts on which to base insistent notice to the South that the era of segregation in coach travel is over.

With your permission, we would like to use your study as the basis of an early issue of NEW SOUTH. Accepting your findings, we would like to cast our effort mainly on the history of legal development. We would lay out the regulation of the ICC and show the Mitchell Case and the Morgan Case and the Henderson Case and lastly the Chance Case, as successfully blocking off different areas. We would try to make it simple, so that a railway trainman could get it.

I went recently to talk with the office here in Atlanta which for various Southern carriers regulates clergy tickets and military fares, and hoping that they had something to do with regulation in seating. The minor official in charge, when I told him about the Chance Case, said, "Is that so? I thought they were still going on 'separate but equal.'" It seems to me the next job is to make it clear to guys like him that the old doctrine is no longer valid. I think we could get some help on getting our issue distributed to members, or at least to locals, of the Order of Railway Conductors and perhaps to the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

Meanwhile, it seems to me your study in full ought to be sent to the officers of each of our State organizations. That would be 26 people. We ought to have a small reserve supply. Could you send me for pay thirty copies?

Is it all right also if we make generous use of your study in an early NEW SOUTH article?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

copies

February 18, 1953

Mr. Thomas W. Starling
UAW-CIO
95 Merritts Ave., NE
Atlanta, Ga

Dear Tom:

Here's a copy of the audit of the Council for 1952, with due and much appreciated thanks to the mighty helpful grant that UAW made us last year.

I sent in the 1953 request to Walter Reuther a few days ago. I do hope you will again back us up and help us. We will have the most desperate time this year without that solid gift.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encls.

February 19, 1953

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Ave.
New York 16, N. Y.

Dear Ed:

I am coming up there March 4 and 5 and will phone your office and hope to find a time when you can let me pay you a visit.

Meanwhile, here are three copies of the 1952 audit of the Southern Regional Council.

Observe that the audit shows us to have in the bank the Adele Levy Fond's thousand and $200 which Mr. Regenstein raised toward matching the promised Doris Duke thousand. Since the audit, we have had pledges from Negro friends in Atlanta of $600 more toward matching the Doris Duke thousand. I am trying to convert the pledges right now into cash money. Georgea Furst has been in India and so it is hard to get decisions out of the Doris Duke people, but I am confident that their offer of a thousand is still good.

That will leave me with the Adele Levy thousand to match. I am in hopes that you will be kind enough to write to the Adele Levy Fund and send them a copy of the audit. My conscience hurts me mightily that I have not myself corresponded with them. But I do hope that you will make it clear to them that their gift is intact and awaiting more funds here. I do think we can get the Commission going this spring.

It's a pretty desperate matter trying to hold together until we can hear from the Fund for the Republic what they are going to do.

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encls.

February 19, 1953

CIO-PAC
1346 Connecticutt Ave., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I would appreciate a couple of copies of '52 FACTS ON CIVIL RIGHTS. Here's some postage, anyhow.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encl.

February 20, 1953

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Marion:

I told you that Mrs. Adler said Roper said we should, "but definitely" send in a more specific request.

Here is a first draft. Will you go through it and send it back, pronto, with your views?

As I am going to be in New York the 3rd and 4th of March, I suppose I could simply ~~send~~ some copies of it on to my acquaintance, Freeman, in the Fund for the Republic. Perhaps I could then take one over to Roper or to his office. We could send one to Mrs. Adler too.

Harold and I have our trepidations about firing these successive missiles into the unanswering void of the Fund for the Republic. But we suppose the man Roper knows what he is talking about.

Advise us, please.

Observe that this is the only copy of the document, so treat it accordingly.

Thanks for the interesting clippings on Arizona and Avery County. Fundamentally, the two situations ought to be the same.

We will hope for Chester S. Davis's story along about Monday or Tuesday.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:ec

February 20, 1953

Mr. Henry M. Pachter
P. O. Box 159
New York 25, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Pachter:

I am very sorry I missed you, but Harold Fleming remembers you with much pleasure.

Unfortunately, the only pamphlet we've ever had that gives the early history of the Council is entirely out of print. I can send you my one remaining copy, but please do faithfully send it back.

The great figure in the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation was Will W. Alexander, who is now retired and lives near Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He had been a Methodist minister and got interested in Negro matters during World War I. He played an important part in stopping the string of race riots that occurred in the South after that war, and from then until the early 1940's moved back and forth across the South organizing local and State interracial committees. They kept a watch for incipient violence and, among other things, were extremely effective in bringing down the lynching figures. I send along one of their bulletins.

About the time the United States got into World War II it was seen that it would be well to broaden the scope of the old Interracial Commission, and after the meetings detailed in the green pamphlet, the Southern Regional Council was set up. Guy Johnson, from the University of North Carolina, was the first executive director. I came in in 1947.

In a good many ways, we are similar to the South African Institute of Race Relations, whose founders, indeed, before the establishment of the SAIR, came over and examined the work of the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation.

My father was a professor in a Baptist college at Richmond, Virginia, and I was born there. I went to schools variously in Virginia, South Carolina, Maryland, and Delaware, and then to college at Richmond and at Johns Hopkins

in Baltimore. Studied at Oxford three years. Came back and taught economics at Columbia College in Columbia University, and then held various jobs in the government for ten years, mostly in the Department of Agriculture. Ran the CIO Political Action Committee in the Southeast in 1944-45 and in 1945 took a job with the Southern Regional Council. The purpose was really to minimize interracial trouble that might appear in the aftermath of World War II.

The blue mimeographed leaflet gives the present officers and Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. We have three or four thousand members, scattered over the South, perhaps half of them white persons and half of them Negroes.

Two of our best recent jobs revolve around a green pamphlet called RACE IN THE NEWS and a blue one called RACE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. We didn't merely get these into print; we got them physically laid into the hands of editors or police chiefs or sheriffs, and saw to it wherever we could that local committees of our friends talked with the editor or the sheriff. You can see what that method is.

Our constant problem is funds to keep going.

I spent a few months in Germany in 1928 and formed a great affection for its people. All of us hereabouts remember with particular pleasure the visit of Konrad Mommsen, who now, I believe, has gone from Frankfort up to Cologne.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

February 24, 1953

Mr. Herman H. Long
Race Relations Department
American Missionary Association
Fisk University
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Herman:

I like greatly your plans about Segregation in Interstate Coach Travel. Do save and send us the thirty copies, and we will find the money to pay for them.

I expect we will go ahead and make use of it in NEW SOUTH.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

February 24, 1953

Mrs. Sue R. Slaughter
522 Mowbray Arch
Norfolk 7, Va.

Dear Mrs. Slaughter:

Your kind letter gives me some distress.

We really tried to present the two items about Sewanee in a way that would not take sides but that would explain what the items were, in order that NEW SOUTH's readers might draw from them the many lessons as to strategy in these matters which the items contained. It was easy to see that the matter of courtesy and organizational loyalty was involved as well as the issue of race. The two communications had been coupled in the Chattanooga paper and were therefore public.

I felt, myself, a duty to the Church before touching the controversy at all, and was at pains to write Bishop Penick ten days or so before we went to press, sending him the wording which we proposed to use for introducing the two items and asking him to be good enough to let me know if, for any reason, our reprinting of the letters, thus introduced, would be questioned. Bishop Penick did not reply, so I felt to that extent assured. I confess that the heading went on to the piece in the make-up stage some days after my letter to Bishop Penick, and so was in no sense cleared with him. But it did not seem to us to be a heading that took sides; we used it merely as something that succinctly put the problem.

I knew, by preliminary inquiry, of the report by those on the Siminary faculty to the public press, and I hoped that using the vice-chancellor's reply would reveal the questions of taste thus involved.

I sorrow with you that the Church has had this public controversy. But I did think that there were lessons in it fruitful for the whole South to perceive, and it was in that spirit that we carried what we did.

We appreciate the gentleness and sincerity of your letter and assure you that we are sorry that we did not so contrive the heading and the note as to make it perfectly clear that what we wanted was for Southern people to

ponder the many lessons contained in the correspondence.

I have long admired the work of the Women's Council for Interracial Cooperation in Norfolk, and like particularly the spirit in which it goes about its work.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

February 24, 1953

Mr. Walter White, Secretary
N. A. A. C. P.
20 W. 40th St.
New York 18, N. Y.

Dear Walter:

I promised the other day to bring you up to date on the Southern Regional Council's request to the Fund for the Republic.

What we want is enough money to enable us to put into each Southern State full-time staff for the next five years. The State staff would ordinarily be a white person and a Negro person and a clerk. The present Southwide membership of the Southern Regional Council would, we presume, be turned over to vigorous State organizations, based upon our present State Divisions of the Southern Regional Council. The Council itself would then become a Southwide Board of Trustees, administering the grant, correlating the work of the State organizations, and tying in with that work a quite modest program of research. The research would be, for the most part, feeling out needs for additional research and the parceling of the various areas of inquiry to colleges and universities and other groups. The State groups, assisted by their permanent personnel, would work particularly on all questions of race affecting the schools, on police administration, on matters of equal justice, on community self-surveys, on race in the news, on major aspects of employment opportunity, and such similar special needs as might be approved, State by State, from time to time.

We think that the time has gone by when the South can be expected to blunder through these periods of great tension without the assistance of any established body joining together white and Negro leadership. For thirty years of work in this field the Council, and the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation before it, have found many friends and many fruitful ways to work. They need now to be strengthened by firm organization.

We ourselves think the request is, considering the need, modest, and we are warmly hopeful that the Fund for the Republic will see the importance of it and will enable us to put it through.

Mr. Walter White, Feb. 24, 1953

We rejoice all over the South in the most friendly relationships with the NAACP and its local branches. I am satisfied that the two organizations can work together with increasing benefit to the cause we both serve.

May I say, in passing, that we have been delighted with the helpful relationships that Mrs. Ruby Hurley, for your Southeastern Office, has opened to us. She is crisp, persuasive, and effective, and we cherish greatly her cooperation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

February 25, 1953

Mr. John A. Howard
Box 18
Boone, N. C.

Dear Mr. Howard:

Sorry you missed Marion Wright. He's a good egg. Go back to see him again.

I send you various things that will be helpful, though most of it is on the other side from the one you are saddled with.

Two further items available in your library: NEGRO EMPLOYMENT IN SOUTHERN INDUSTRY, by Donald Dewey of Duke, from THE JOURNAL OF POLITICAL ECONOMY, Vol. LX, No. 4, August 1952; and NEGRO EMPLOYMENT: A PROGRESS REPORT, by John A. Davis, FORTUNE magazine, July, 1952.

I send you also the last ten or twelve months' issues of NEW SOUTH, which will give you a good many items on general Negro progress.

Of course, I think a compulsory FEPC law would work, and the Council is on record in favor of the principle of such a law.

In the absence of such a law, I think the most fruitful things to be done would be: a non-compulsory law, establishing State commissions with the duty of working with employers and trade unions and members of the general public to lessen discriminatory practices. Such a commission, State by State, would do some good, but everybody's experience in the North has been that a powerful commission of this kind is much less effective than one which has the power to compel publicity and, ultimately, compliance.

One of your best arguments would be to list the various big trade unions in the country which have, in the last few years, at least formally dropped their bans against Negro members. The difficulty is that while the national unions may remove barriers, locals often do not comply.

The Winston-Salem JOURNAL, in its February 22 Sunday issue, had a good feature story on what the Southern Regional Council has had a hand in. It also talks about the various main general lines of progress in the South in recent years.

Mr. John A. Howard, Feb. 25, 1953

You will find the bulletin No. 1119 from the Department of Labor quite helpful. We had a couple of copies, and I send you one.

You and maybe some of your friends ought to become members of the Southern Regional Council. It wouldn't break you and it would keep a stream of good information coming to you.

Membership blank at the back of blue leaflet.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

February 25, 1953

Mr. Alex Miller
Anti-Defamation League
11 Pryor St., SW
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Alex:

Add to your list of organizations officially adopting as policy the statement on use of racial and religious prejudice in political campaigns the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen, which so notified me February 23.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

February 25, 1953

Rev. M. Moran Weston
National Council
Protestant Episcopal Church
Division of Social Education & Community Action

Dear Mr. Weston:

I was delighted to see the account of your appointment in a recent issue of THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Our Council shares many of the objectives of your new Division, and we would like to have at least a cordial relationship with your work, and at best quite close cooperation.

I send you the last several issues of our small magazine and will send it to you for the coming year. Properly, you ought to become a member of the Council when you can. There is a blank on the back of the green leaflet.

Do keep us informed of the things you do.

The National Council helps our Southern Regional Council each year, and we want to be kin to your Division.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

February 26, 1953

Mr. M. A. F. Ritchie
Department of Human Relations
University of Miami
Coral Gables 46, Fla.

Dear Miller:

I do appreciate your long letter of early February and your kind thought of me. Congratulations on being elected a College President. That's the top of the works, and all your friends will delight in that honor and in your new and still wider area of usefulness.

I doubt if your deans will want me, and I doubt still more whether I could teach in so difficult a field.

Mike Ross sent me on a "do" about the police training school. Please thank him for it. We will run a note, and ~~am~~ grateful for the facts.

Stop and see us in Atlanta when you can. The Finger Lakes are off my beat, but if I ever get up to that famous country, I will make my way to Hartwick College.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

March 2, 1953

Mr. David Dubinsky, President
International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union
1710 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Dubinsky:

You very kindly wrote February 26.

The Steelworkers have already sent us their 1953 contribution of $1,000, and our application for the same grant from the Automobile workers is in, and I understand, is to come before their next Executive Board meeting. The Sidney Hillman Foundation has renewed and paid its $1,500 contribution for 1953.

We greatly need the I.L.G.'s help this year, and I even dare hope that it can be somewhat increased! In any case, we are much the stronger each year for your aid.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Dictated but not read.

March 9, 1953

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Box 652
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Guy:

Two or three weeks ago I came across an oddity which might perhaps be a suitable minor sociology investigation for some Alabama student at Chapel Hill.

You remember we have long had an elderly Negro farmer at Standing Rock, Alabama, as a member of the Council--nomine, Freeman Drake, Sr. He's in Chambers County, northeastern corner. I had occasion to drive him home from a meeting in Montgomery, and when the subject of schools came up, he explained that in the vicinity of Standing Rock they have three schools: Negro, white, and "mixed race." Mr. Drake is not given to the most exact explanations, but what we gathered from him was that some generations ago one or two white women were married to Negroes. Their descendants now amount to several families. They are, to all appearances, white, but they are not socially accepted by whites, and disdain to go to Negro schools. So the county or the State operates "mixed race" schools for them.

That seems to me grist for Chapel Hill's good mill, and I hand you the corn. May the mills of the gods get to work.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

March 10, 1953

Mr. James E. Wolfe, Director
Department of Research & Education
of the Kentucky State Federation of Labor
312 Armory Place
Louisville 2, Ky.

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

Yes, I well remember your inquiry about my teaching at the Kentucky Labor School this summer, and I have looked forward to it straight along. Suppose I sign up for the week of July 12-18?

My Council is on shaky legs financially, and there is the bare possibility that something catastrophic will have happened to it by then, but still, that shouldn't interfere with my being fully at your service, and every normal expectation is that I and the Council will still be hereabouts. But I do give you notice that my acceptance is subject to the remote possibility that I may be pulled out to Camchatka, or wherever. But I don't think that's likely, and you are about 92 per cent safe in expecting me to be there.

Council dues are three dollars a year. Here's a leaflet with a membership blank on the back. Do please join us. I send you the last few issues of NEW SOUTH.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

March 11, 1953

Miss Caroline Gillespie
Route 1
Hartsville, S. C.

Dear Caroline:

Many thanks for your letter of March 3.

I was in New York last week and went to see the Ford people and came away not feeling encouraged. But in any case, it seems still to be two or three months before they come around to final decisions.

The Council's Executive Committee meets March 21, but in the absence of any definite information from the Ford people, I don't know how we can reach decisions for the future. So the best I can say is that things drag along for some months.

I still am hopeful that there will be money to provide paid personnel in each of the States, but I am far from knowing whether that will be the case. When and if the money comes, I can't think of anybody better in South Carolina than Caroline, but the choice of personnel will really be up to the State people.

I will send a copy of this to Mr. Dabbs to keep him informed.

Come to see us when you get over here. I don't know when I will travel your roads again, but if I do, I will make another attempt to catch you on your own acres.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
cc: Mr. J. M. Dabbs

March 12, 1953

Mrs. Sue R. Slaughter
522 Mowbray Arch
Norfolk 7, Va.

Dear Mrs. Slaughter:

We have been thinking and talking among ourselves for a couple of years about the kind of article you have in mind. It will be a difficult thing to do, partly because the approaches and techniques we try to use are usually most effective if one doesn't describe them as techniques! Your letter gives us renewed interest in trying our hand, and sooner or later, I hope we can include in NEW SOUTH something that will be helpful in the way you propose.

I expect that Sewanee, with the aid of a year or so of time, will find it possible to accept quietly the proposal that has now caused so much stir. One lesson is how very much advance preparation is needed in taking steps of this kind.

Let us know if you are in or near Atlanta. And if my travels can take me to Norfolk, I will look forward to coming to see you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

March 12, 1953

Mrs. L. W. Markes, Jr.
6 Camden Place
New Hyde Park
Long Island, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Markes:

I send you the back issues of NEW SOUTH for a year or so. If you will spear around in them, you will find a good deal about progress. Employment of Negro police and firemen, Negro municipal employment, the opening of various public and private colleges, the opening of a good number of professional associations, and so on.

There's plenty also on the difficulties. The master fact, I think, is that we have had nearly twenty years of abounding prosperity, and that has brought an increase in stature to all of the poorer groups in the Southern States.

Do become a member of the Council, if you will. We would love to have you. There is a blank on the back of the leaflet called WHAT KIND OF SOUTH DO YOU WANT?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

March 12, 1953

Mrs. H. M. Perry
Administrative Secretary
Race Relations Department
American Missionary Association
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tenn.

Dear Mrs. Perry:

I owe you warm thanks for all your kind willingness to provide every hospitality from the Race Relations Department for the meeting not to be held at Nashville March 27. I knew I could count on your group, and it is always nice to have such friendly offers of cooperation.

I talked to Herman Long by phone, and he will come to the meeting. It is now arranged for Atlanta, at the offices of the Anti-Defamation League, 11 Pryor Street, 10:00 a. m., Friday, March 27. As nobody this time has any money for travel expenses, we thought we had best put it where additional agencies would be likely to be on tap without expense.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

March 12, 1953

Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters
Bishop of Raleigh
15 N. McDowell St.
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Bishop Waters:

Most kind of you!

Father Marvin Bordelon, now at Simmesport, Louisiana, has promoted a project for me to go to Grailville, and by coincidence, I wrote Miss Plante there only yesterday that I was setting my plans to be at her disposal Tuesday and Wednesday, April 14 and 15. The Council will pay my expenses for that trip to Cincinnati and back.

If, being as far as Cincinnati, I could go on to be at Terre Haute Thursday, April 16, that would be easy for me to do, and the expense of the small trip, Cincinnati-Terre Haute and return, would not burden the Sisters of Providence. It would be sheer luck, of course, that the 16th of April would be a suitable date with them. I will trust you to make any or no arrangements about the Terre Haute trip, as may seem suitable to you.

I am frequently in Washington, as you know, and will try to allow time on some up-coming trip to get over to Baltimore to talk for the Mission Helpers of Sacred Heart at Towson. Washington trips are unpredictable, and with your permission, I would correspond directly with the Mission Helpers of Sacred Heart about a date with them. Perhaps you would be kind enough to write them that you hope such an arrangement could be worked out, and then on my next trip up I would be in touch with the Sisters ahead of time.

I look forward greatly to being present at the CCS meeting in our kind city of Richmond.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

March 13, 1953

Miss Joyce Fernandez
Holden Hall
College of Wooster
Wooster, Ohio

Dear Miss Fernandez:

Several copies of our monthly bulletin NEW SOUTH containing articles in the field of education and race relations have been mailed to you under separate cover. Also a report, "Wanted an Educated South," based on the 1940 census.

A copy of our publications list was mailed along with the articles and we will be happy to fill any orders for material that you feel would be helpful.

As you will see from the issues of NEW SOUTH, most of our material is related to the school segregation question and to the opening of state-supported and private colleges to Negro students.

Our organization is non-profit and we are not able to distribute literature free of charge. We would appreciate your forwarding .41 (stamps accepted) to cover the cost of the material and postage.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

March 13, 1953

Mr. Robert C. Weaver
John Hay Whitney Foundation
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, N. Y.

Dear Bob:

I really need some dope on that thing called "Southerners for Civil Rights." The only name I have connected with it is Mrs. Emma Gelders Sterne, down on 12th Street. They are proposing a conference in New York in April, and I would like to know a bit about who and what they are.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

March 13, 1953

Miss Ollie Backus, Director
Sppech & Hearing Clinic
University of Alabama
University, Ala.

Dear Miss Backus:

Certain of the hotels at Miami Beach would completely fulfill your conditions. Mr. Miller Ritchie, chairman of the Department of Human Relations at the University of Miami, would be glad to tell you which ones.

The National Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church will meet in a year or two at Houston, Texas. Their conditions are similar to yours. They don't know whether they will have to carry through with a possible plan to erect accomodations of their own to take care of all their needs. In any event, it is altogether likely that Houston by 1957 would be able to handle the meeting you have in mind.

On some occasions the Edgewater Gulf Hotel at Biloxi, Mississippi, has provided entirely inclusive hotel lodging and dining room facilities for conventions involving persons of both races. I think it depends a bit on hotel seasons, but I am reliably informed that they have in the past offered such accomodations.

Lookout Mountain Hotel near Chattanooga is a possibility, but I don't know in detail about it. Hotel Roanoke at Roanoke, Virginia, I think is willing to offer all hotel accomodations for conventions of this kind.

That's about all I can think of.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encls.

March 16, 1953

Mr. Chester C. Davis
The Ford Foundation
910 Green Street
Pasadena, California

Dear Mr. Davis:

Enclosed is a photostatic copy of the letter from the United States Treasury, granting tax exemption to the Southern Regional Council. A copy has also been sent by air mail special delivery to Mr. Oliver May in New York.

I shall see that your message is passed on to Mr. Wright and Dr. Mitchell as quickly as I can reach them by telephone. I know that each of them will want to write you personally.

Meanwhile, please accept my profound thanks, on behalf of the Southern Regional Council, for this vital emergency assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF:ec
Encl.

March 18, 1953

Mr. Reed Sarratt
JOURNAL & SENTINEL
P. O. Box 2509
Winston Salem, N. C.

Dear Reed:

We have caught echoes of the controversy over the use of the Winston-Salem municipal auditorium, and I am glad to pass along to you such information as we have on the general subject.

In 1947 we undertook an informal check of the racial policies governing the use of municipal auditoriums in Atlanta; Raleigh; Charleston; Jackson, Mississippi; Columbia; Birmingham; Nashville; and Richmond. In all except Jackson, Negroes were customarily admitted to white-sponsored events, with segregated seating, usually in the balcony. Jackson allowed bi-racial audiences only for weekly wrestling matches, and was the only city of the group which did not permit all-Negro audiences to make use of the auditorium.

While we can't claim to know of every modification that may have taken place in the policies of even these selected cities, I don't believe that the pattern has changed very much since 1947. Certainly, it is safe to say that the general rule is to permit Negroes the full run of the auditorium for Negro-sponsored events, and usually to admit Negroes on a segregated basis for events of a more general nature.

The manner in which segregation is enforced varies a good deal, depending on the nature and sponsorship of the event. When an event is of particular interest to Negroes, it is not unusual for seats on the main floor to be set aside for them. In some cities, including Atlanta, the location of the segregated sections is often left to the promoters, the only requirement being that both races must be separately accomodated. That occasionally leads to some controversy, as recently, when a promoter required Negroes to use a side entrance and exit rather than the main ones. (So far as I know, Birmingham is the only city that consistently enforces separate entrances and exits for the two races.)

A couple of recent developments are to the point. Only last year New Orleans broke its longstanding precedent of denying all-Negro groups the use of the auditorium and seats on the main floor. Previously New Orleans had allowed them only gallery seats for white-sponsored events.

More significant was the decision, June 23, 1952, of the Federal District Court for the Southern District of Florida in the case of Harris vs. City of Daytona Beach. You are probably acquainted with this decision, but I will summarize it briefly. Daytona Beach had built an expensive new auditorium in the white section which featured a number of entertainments and cultural events. A second building, called the Negro Recreational Center, was provided for Negroes, though it was hardly comparable in size and facilities. On the challenge of a group of Negro citizens, the court enjoined the city from denying Negroes admittance to the main auditorium. The central point of the court's ruling was that equal protection of the laws is a personal right and cannot be made "contingent upon other Negroes seeking the same right and opportunity." The plaintiffs who demand the opportunity to attend events in the main auditorium "cannot be required to await the acquisition of culture and the price of a ticket by sufficient numbers of their race ~~in~~ to make such performances a reality" in the Negro recreational center.

I hope this general information will be of some use to you. If we can help further, let me know.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

HCF:ec

March 19, 1953

Miss Estellene P. Walker
Executive Secretary
S. C. State Library Board
1001-07 Main Street
Columbia 1, S. C.

Dear Miss Walker:

Please accept my sincere apologies for keeping the enclosed photographs of Negro library service in your state.

Several things have come up that delayed analyzing the library data, and in the meantime, I forgot that I had not already returned the pictures you so kindly loaned us.

Let me thank you for the detailed information you sent in January on South Carolina's library service to Negroes.

We will be very happy to send you a copy of the survey report.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

March 19, 1953

Rev. Louis F. Shank
Christ Church
Macon, Ga.

Dear Mr. Shank:

Here is a long letter I sent off ten days or so ago, in error, to Mr. Marshall Ellis at St. George's Church in Griffin. The Diocesan Office had given me his name as Chairman of Christian Social Relations for the Diocese of Atlanta. Mr. Ellis wrote back very courteously and said he was interested in our material and praised our effort, but did not happen to be Chairman of Christian Social Relations.

So now I have called again at St. Philip's, and they tell me that you are the proper chairman.

So would you have time to look through all of this and consider whether, even though this is belated, you could come or be represented at the meeting on the 27th?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encls.

March 19, 1953

Rev. Marvin Bordelon
Christ the King Church
Simmesport, La.

Dear Father Bordelon:

That visit to Simmesport will keep on growing in my mind. For one thing, it helped me a good deal in solving the riddle of the French settlement in Southern Louisiana. I got the flavor of it in that long coil around the bayou that contains Bordelonville. For another thing, those neat white homes stood in such striking contrast to the sharecroppers' shacks elsewhere. That hammers in what has to be done about land tenure--one way or another. Again, I can see in your Development Council the germ of something that could grow mightily, parish by parish, county by county. Your people are really doing there in detail the things that this Southern Regional Council has preached--hardly audibly--from 'way over here in Atlanta. And that is the job of this age: to put into practice locally the things agreed upon in the nation as principles of human relations.

I am all gratitude to you and to your brother and to Father Gremillion for hospitality, cordial friendship, and deep instruction. And may I get you also surely to thank our hosts and hostesses for the evening gathering. That was a rich experience, made all the more pleasant by the good things to eat and the good coffee.

I look forward to going up to Grailville and finding your remote cousin and bragging that I have, within the past month, been to Simmesport and eaten cuche-cuche and cracklings.

The very warmest thanks.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

March 19, 1953

Dr. Joseph R. Houchins, Population Analyst
Demographic Statistics Section
Population and Housing Division
Bureau of the Census
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Houchins:

Thank you for the outline tables and the various materials sent in answer to our request for statistics for the chapter on money income of Negroes for the 1953 JOURNAL OF NEGRO EDUCATION YEARBOOK.

It would be very helpful to us to have the following tables:

Population Series P-C, US Summary--Table 137
Table 138
Table 140
Table 162
Table 164
Table 175 (Except data on Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico)

Special Report on Education--Table 12, Data on males for United States (total and nonwhite) and South (total and nonwhite)--not data on females

We will look forward to receiving the above statistics around April 1.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

March 20, 1953

Mr. Jules Levey
2008 RKO Bldg.
New York 20, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Levey:

The Southern Regional Council is concerned with race relations in general and has no particular links to the various theaters that have built up a specialized Negro attendance. My interest in THE BOY KUMASENU stems from a general interest in African matters, which, in turn, arises from the light thrown on these Southern matters by things over there.

I became acquainted a couple of years ago with a mighty fine man who has organized a chain of theaters in the South which show mainly to Negro audiences. Straight commercial proposition, and I think doing quite well. He is Mr. Alfred Starr, Bijou Amusement Company, 423 Fourth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tennessee. He happens also to be a person of sensitive artistic appreciation, with, I believe, a good deal of knowledge of things French. He, uniquely among people of my acquaintance, would know the answers on the possibilities of commercial exhibition of THE BOY KUMASENU in the Southern States.

You are quite at liberty to mention my reference to him.

I still hope that, somewhere along the line, I can get a chance to see what must be a most interesting film. I have observed thetremarkable rush of cultural activities in the Gold Coast in recent years, and thought of this film as tangible evidence of the cultural consequences of partial independence.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

March 20, 1953

Rev. Marshall J. Ellis
St. George's Church
132 N. 10th St.
Griffin, Ga.

Dear Mr. Ellis:

I am sorry we got mixed up. We called out at St. Philip's, and they gave us your name as Chairman for Christian Social Relations. We learned today that the really, truly chairman is the Rev. Mr. Shank at Christ Church in Macon. And we have sent on to him a copy of the letter and material we sent to you.

How very kind of you to read all of that and to write us appreciatively.

I will be glad to send you NEW SOUTH for the next four or five months, but truth to tell, we are too poor to have a free mailing list, and hope that some day you will become a member of the Council, at a whole three dollars a year, and thus receive NEW SOUTH straight along as part of your subscription. Note blank on back of enclosed pamphlet.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

March 21, 1953

Mr. Harold Lewis
1000 Provident Trust Bldg.
Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Dear Harold:

Your letter and check of March 18 are greatly appreciated. I feel that you are entitled to know that the same mail which brought your check brought a commitment from a foundation which has greatly relaxed the pressure under which we have been laboring.

I want to take occasion, from time to time, to inform you a little bit about what the Southern Regional Council is doing. It is the authentic voice of conscience in the South, and I don't want to see that voice weaken or waver.

I am to spend Easter at St. Helena and will try to conclude the school list matter at that time. Papers were went to the secretary of state before I left Linville Falls, and I imagine that when I return, I will find that our charter has been officially amended. I will write you at that time.

With thanks and kind regards, I am

M.A.W.

March 23, 1953

Mr. Carter Wesley
Box 3086
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

Events!

We've been having a rather rough year's end and spring. I've been to New York once or twice and found little to be encouraged about within the precincts of the Fund for the Republic. Meanwhile, Marion Wright, as president, has been in touch, one way or another, with Chester Davis of the Ford Foundation. A week or ten days ago Marion Wright, unbeknownst to me, got out a wire to members of the Executive Committee saying that things looked pretty desperate and that they really ought to come to last Saturday's meeting forearmed with such funds as could be scraped together in an emergency. For some error in an old list, fortunately, Marion did not send his wire to you. He had sent it out but a few hours when word came through that the Ford Foundation itself was making us an interim grant of $20,000 to enable us to live along until the Fund for the Republic could get organized and look us over in detail. I must say, the check has not yet come, but its approach is a relief to us all, and the Executive Committee meeting on Saturday was a cheerful and productive occasion. The meeting discussed back and forth the advantages and disadvantages of publicity about the Ford grant, and for complicated reasons, decided that no public announcement would be made. But I did not want the error that had omitted you from the wire to omit you from the news. You have been a mighty faithful friend in all of our hard times, and I want you to get at least this one chance to rejoice.

The next thing, I think, is for us to build up a correspondent in each State who will really get the facts about the schools. I want, when we get real money, if we do, to set up that State School Committee idea in each State. But meanwhile, all we can compass is some one volunteer person (in each State) whose modest expenses could be covered and who would be available to help every action group in his State that would work toward obeying the law and producing, as fast as may be, an unsegregated arrangement. I expect one of us will be in Houston before so long to consult about who would be the best such correspondent for your enormous State.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

March 24, 1953

Mrs. Henry Havens
2845 Corinthian Ave.
Jacksonville 5, Fla.

Dear Mrs. Havens:

We think you are the best treasurer the Province of Sewanee has ever had, and we appreciate you and the Province's hundred dollars a whole lot.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. As March is still comparatively early in 1953, could we consider this hundred as the 1952 contribution? And then we would write Mr. Turner again along about September, '53. If you think the Province intends this to be the 1953 contribution, simply omitting 1952, tell us so, and we will behave accordingly.

PP.S. We have just been promised goodish interim assistance from the Ford Foundation itself, without prejudice to our application for full-sized aid pending with the Fund for the Republic. So we take a breath!

GSM:ec

March 24, 1953

Mrs. Milton Adler
61 Versailles Blvd.
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mrs. Adler:

Cheerful news!

Mr. Chester Davis, of the Ford Foundation, telephoned us a week ago and said that the Ford Foundation had approved a grant to us of $20,000. We understand it is to keep us going until the Fund for the Republic can get more firmly organized and decide what it will do. We also understand that whatever, if anything else, we will get will have some relationship to what we can raise otherwise, and particularly in the South.

At any rate, we have time to turn around. We will call the membership meeting for early May and plan a campaign to grow some more roots.

Meanwhile, would you dig up for yourself and the New Orleans Committee the letter I sent you about January 1 on School Committees? This isn't enough money to enable us to do that at all, but as a beginning of that sort of thing, we want to pick out in each State an unpaid correspondent (whose necessary expenses we could pay) who would collect everything that could be found, in reports in the newspapers and in interviews, about the school system in his State. Then he could be, for State causes and for the Council, a source of impartial and fair-minded and informed opinion.

Pretty obviously, you will need a special person of that kind just for New Orleans. Maybe you've already got somebody. Will you write me what you think is best to do for New Orleans and any ideas you may have for the State?

I do not doubt but what this life-giving grant from the Ford Foundation is related to your interest on the Council's behalf, and I am grateful to you for it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:sc

March 24, 1953

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Dr.
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

I didn't really have hopes that you could come all the way from Houston March 27, but I sent the invite anyway.

Some cheerful news for the Council, for once. The Ford Foundation itself has just promised us an interim grant of $20,000. That will keep us afloat for the rest of this year, and so far as we know, the grant is without prejudice to our major application to the Fund for the Republic. But we are satisfied that we will have to do more about raising Southern money than we have succeeded with in the past.

We will be calling together the annual meeting pretty soon. Almost certainly, May 13 and 14, but I can't lock it until tomorrow. I do greatly hope you can come up for that.

Meanwhile, we have got the problem of picking out in each State some volunteer person who will build up the best possible knowledge of the past and present of the school system in his State. Will you start thinking about who that ought to be for Texas? There isn't money to do that School Committee thing that I wrote about in a December letter to the Fund for the Republic, but we could pay the necessary small expenses of whatever volunteer person undertook to get himself informed. Then he could help action agencies in his State and write things for us and be at the other end of urgent telephone calls when things pop.

Somebody suggested Professor Harry Moore, a sociologist at the University of Texas, now on leave doing some educational job. In any case, it's really your business with the Texas Commission on Race Relations, but I should think our friendship would let us share the services of whoever you pick.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. We will send you minutes, of course, of the March 27 meeting.

March 24, 1953

Mr. John D. Rust
The John Rust Foundation
1416 Poplar Street
Pine Bluff, Ark.

Dear Mr. Rust:

An item of cheerful news! I told you, I believe, that we had long been before the Ford Foundation's Fund for the Republic for a major grant to enable us to put paid personnel in each of the Southern States. There have been so many delays in getting the Fund for the Republic into the air that we have about starved to death meanwhile. The good news is that the Ford Foundation itself the other day promised to send us $20,000 to see us through this year. So far as we know, that is without prejudice to our major application. But we have also been pretty definitely given to understand that what we may get later on, if anything, will be directly related to how much we can raise otherwise, and particularly in the South.

So please, as your plans mature, think most earnestly about the double way in which you could contribute to the things the Council does.

I was pleased the other day in Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana, to see in some small town a handsome red and yellow metal sign announcing that at that point the Rust Brothers Cotton Picker was available for sales and service.

My warm regards to you and Mrs. Rust.

I will be hoping that at some proper time in April you will let me come for another visit.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

March 24, 1953

Mrs. Ruth B. Barlow
Route 1
Cochran, Ga.

Dear Mrs. Barlow:

In answer to your recent letter concerning sources of the information outlined in the Population section of "Your Community Looks at Itself":

1. All the current data outlined(except the resident birth and death rates) is found in the 1950 Census report recently released "Georgia, General Characertistics." This is one of a series of reports by states on the 1950 Census of Population and its number is P-B11. This report should be available in the Mercer Library and possibly in the public library to which you have access. It can be bought from the U. S. Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, Washington, 25, DC for $1.00.

   1930 and 1940 data on population composition can be gotten from the 1930 and 1940 Census volumes covering "Characteristics of the Population." These should also be in the Mercer Library.

2. Up to date birth and death rates--or data from which rates can be figured--should be available from the county bureau of vital statistics or the county health department. If you are unable to reach these offices during the day and on Saturday, asyou indicated in your letter, I suggest that you write them, outlining exactly what information you want. You might also write the Georgia Department of Birth and Death Records, 1 Hunter St. NW, Atlanta, Ga. if the county office fails to furnish the information.

   Data on births and deaths can be combined with census figures to obtain the crude rates.

If we can be of further help, please contact our office again.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

March 25, 1953

Mr. Art Wiser
Macedonia Co-op Community
Clarkesville, Ga.

Dear Art:

Nice to have your good long letter, with its knowledge and sincerity about matters too few people have any knowledge or feelings about.

I am sending you separately some copies of our recruitment leaflet and a few back issues of NEW SOUTH. We need some more members!

The one Negro newspaper published in Atlanta is the ATLANTA DAILY WORLD. Editorial office, 210 Auburn Avenue, N. E. The editor is Mr. C. A. Scott. The ATLANTA WORLD has a close connection with the BIRMINGHAM WORLD (weekly) and, I think, with one or two other weekly papers.

The ATLANTA WORLD is the only Negro daily published in the United States. The leading weeklies are, of course, the PITTSBURGH COURIER, CHICAGO DEFENDER, BALTIMORE AFRO-AMERICAN, and the JOURNAL AND GUIDE, 719 East Olney Road, Norfolk, Virginia. I myself think the JOURNAL AND GUIDE the soberest and best of the weekly papers.

You tap another whole chain of these papers through Carter Wesley, editor of the INFORMER newspapers, Box 3086, Houston, Texas. For Oklahoma, the famous one is the BLACK DISPATCH, Oklahoma City. In Mississippi, Mr. Percy Greene at Jackson puts out the JACKSON ADVOCATE. The editor of the BIRMINGHAM WORLD is Emory Jackson.

I should think nearly all of those papers would be interested in Luthuli's statement.

I try my best to keep up with African matters, as you know.

When your friends come through, send them to see us, at home or at the Council.

These spring days make Macedonia sound mighty inviting. I expect I'll be up there some morning at four or five o'clock and see if I can catch up.

Sincerely,

GSM:ec

George S. Mitchell

March 27, 1953

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Marion:

'Way back there when we were worrying about new by-laws I sent a copy of the proposed new by-laws to Josephine Wilkins. She's a Board member. Hasn't been much around because she's been ill. Is a fine-tooth comb lady and has a peculiarly rich experience in fine-tooth combing by-laws. She at last got time to go through ours. Came in March 25, and I went over her proposals. Here is another draft that incorporates her proposals. They seem wise and democratic to me. If you have further changes, do make them, and I will look a draft together finally to the Board and the membership.

I have also incorporated the changes you suggested in your letter to me of February 11, 1953. I am now querying Leonard Haas on the last point raised in your letter of February 11; namely, should the purposes of the corporation be generally stated, with reservation of right of amendment at annual meeting, or is that matter cared for in the charter or elsewhere?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

March 27, 1953

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Marion:

I come up now against the business of a nominating committee to pick new members of the Board. The nominating committee, as approved by the September 27, 1952, meeting of the Executive Committee: Gadsden Shand, chairman; Mrs. Rebecca Gershon; Ernest Neal; Ocie Lee Smith; Mrs. William H. Hogue; Louis Regenstein.

That's a good committee. It so happens, however, that Rebecca Gershon is traveling abroad and will not be back until after the annual meeting. I should think you would be quite within your rights in naming a substitute for Mrs. Gershon, as you were, in any case, delegated by the September 27 meeting to pick the nominating committee. Our suggestion as a substitute would be Rev. Edward G. Mackay, pastor of the Methodist Church at Oxford, Georgia. He has been on our side for years and has the confidence of the clergy in Georgia.

We propose, with your permission, to get out to all the members a mimeoed call to the annual meeting. Date selected: May 12 for the Board, May 13 for the membership.

In order to avoid the wretched business of picking a "lame duck" Board for the last few months of our present organization and picking at the same meeting another Board, to come to life when, as, and if we are reorganized, we are proposing likewise in a call to the meeting an amendment to the by-laws which would use substantially the language of the new by-laws as to a Board. Then you've got one Board chosen to be the Board, come what may. It just seems decent and democratic to give maximum notice to everybody of that proposed change, though such notice is not technically required by our present by-laws.

This proposal has the added advantage of enabling us to draw on the present Board members whose second terms are now expired, and so hold over some of our best people by the device of new by-laws. I hope that is all right.

Sincerely,

GSM:ec

George S. Mitchell

March 27, 1953

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Bldg.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Leonard:

Here is a letter I have sent to Marion Wright, with acopy of the proposed changes in the by-laws as sent to him.

Mr. Wright had originally written me February 11 anent the by-laws, as follows:

> Should the purposes of the corporation be generally stated, with the right reserved to the members to amend at any annual meeting? I should like for you to ask Mr. Haas his opinion on this point. It may be that the purposes are stated in our charter or elsewhere.

I take it that the purposes of the corporation are adequately stated in the charter, but I pass on Mr. Wright's query for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

March 31, 1953

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Marion:

Do sometime put in a couple of hours in Asheville on finding out who in the Vanderbilt family controls Biltmore. What a stroke it would be if during 1953 we could come into that property for an interracial conference center for the whole South and as headquarters for SRC! Then you and I could loop back and forth across the Skyline Drive and be in happily easy communication.

I talked to Paul Christopher just now by phone. He had speared about in New York by long distance but hadn't quite finished and hadn't learned much. Mrs. E. J. Steen is Joe Gelders' daughter. Married a man named Steen. I don't see what you can do but go. But be wary. The problem will be the paper and what it says, not of your speech, but of the meeting itself. Photostats coming up!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

March 31, 1953

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Hahn:

I must bring you up to date on our affairs.

Last week the Ford Foundation itself sent us $20,000 to sustain and expand our program in 1953. So far as we can learn, this grant is without prejudice to our major application to the Fund for the Republic, though we do understand that it behooves us to raise as much otherwise, and Southwise, as we can.

The $20,000 enables us to get through this year all right and gives us time and strength to plan and do. The thing that needs doing is outlined in the attached letter to the Fund for the Republic. We can't begin to do that, but we can contrive, we think, a volunteer correspondent in each Southern State who will con up on the school situation and enable us to speak with more facts, and assist with what he knows many volunteer programs in his own State. That we have set about doing.

NEW SOUTH is an indispensable vehicle for getting a reasonable discussion of on-coming school problems in the South. We would still have a lot of difficulty in floating it without the Field Foundation's aid for this year, and I do greatly hope that the Foundation can see it through 1953.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSML:ec

March 31, 1953

Mr. John A. Griffin
Community Education Service
Emory University, Ga.

Dear Mr. Griffin:

Dr. Mitchell asked me to tell you that Adella Shields, who was on our staff last year, did her master's thesis for Atlanta University on the SOUTHERN FRONTIER, the SRC publication which NEW SOUTH replaced.

I do not remember the exact title, but do know that she did a content analysis for the year 1944-45. We do not have a copy in the office.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

March 31, 1953

President R. B. Atwood
Vice-Chairman
Kentucky Division, SRC
Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Mr. Atwood:

Ordinarily, I would have sent this to Mr. Tydings, but I hear he has newly gone to Africa, so the action comes on to you. I send you a copy of the December 23 letter. Charlie Steele from the Louisville Urban League was here the other day and understands the proposal.

I do hope you will agree that this is a useful step and can find us somebody.

Leonard Haas here mentioned as a possibility Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor, sociology professor at the University of Kentucky. I threw the name in, but we want only whatever person your group chooses.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encls.

Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., NE, Rm. 432
Atlanta, Ga.
April 1, 1953

Dr. Mozell Hill
53 Dartmouth
Park Hill
London N.W. 5
ENGLAND

Dear Mozell:

We all enjoyed that good long letter from you with news from such a good country. Nice to know that all of you do well and like things. Some day let's all go back to Scotland and stay there for ten years, anyway!

We've got schemes and lately a little money. The scheme is to parallel the State school board in each Southern State with a volunteer committee, honestly representing everybody and using as its paid staff the people we want the Fund for the Republic to give us to put in each State. The staff would dig in on the schools and find out all that is to be known about differences and the easiest places to desegregate and the law on what would happen if the bad people carried out their threats, and so on. I expect that whenever the Supreme Court decision comes out, most of the governors will convene and make recommendations. In many cases the recommendations will be unwise, insufficient, or questionably constitutional. At which point the State School Committee, sustained by the facts gathered by its paid staff, could come out in the papers with the truth. All of which would help.

Unfortunately, the Fund for the Republic moves mighty slowly, and we don't know when they will come through, if at all. But we have been mightily helped by a grant of $20,000 from the Ford Foundation itself that came through last week. That's to keep us going through '53, and so far as we can learn, is without prejudice to the big application before the Fund for the Republic. But we are cautioned that we ought to get busy and raise more money, and particularly more Southern money, ourselves. That we will try to do, but it has never been easy, as you know. Anyway, the twenty thousand means we'll still be in business when you get back, which otherwise, I would have doubted. I think that the Fund for the Republic will be making up its mind this fall. Let's hope so.

Alice and the children are all right, but those girls grow up mighty fast.

Politics in Atlanta is getting hot. The mayor is up again, and he has unpleasant opposition. Unfortunately, we hear of a split among Negro voters which might well let Mr. Hartsfield down. All I learn is that Hartsfield is by far the best candidate.

Come on back. We miss you all.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

April 6, 1953

Miss Jeanne Plante
Grailville
Loveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Plante:

All right. I hate for you to send in, but it is safest.

How you pick me coming up into the station I'm sure I don't know. I'm six feet flat, wear a gray hat and silver-rimmed glasses, and look benign and a little worried. My secretary says contrive a few words of speech out of each man, and pick the one that sounds the most like Uncle Remus.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

April 6, 1953

Mr. Cy W. Record
Department of Sociology
University of California
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Cy:

I'm sorry I let you get away before I had a brain storm as to what you ought to be doing.

This business of fair employment is a thing that is going to have to be administered in detail, and unfortunately, there's almost nobody trained to make it work. We should have somewhere in these United States, and hopefully in these Southern States, a professor hooked into a school of business administration who gives his time to teaching people to be fair employment experts. It's really a new branch of personnel administration. The content is human relations in general, race relations in particular, industrial organization, labor resources, trade unions and minorities, history of fair employment practices, legislation and administration, State laws, and (in great detail) the broadening precedent of State negotiations and decisions.

I believe that some decent university in the South would take on a professor of that. A smart university could get a goodly sum for doing it. Of course, and this is the hitch, whatever university does it is going to have to admit white and Negro students to those courses, because it would be silly to train people of only one race to be FEPC experts.

Best I can think of is Duke.

I have set John Griffin to thinking about it for Emory.

Anyhow, that's what I think you ought to do. You are the professor elect. Make 'em pay you $9,000. It's worth it.

Write to us, anyhow.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

April 8, 1953

Mr. Frank McCallister, Director
Labor Education Division
Roosevelt College
430 S. Michigan Ave.
Chicago 5, Ill.

Dear Frank:

That's a big problem.

Fundamentally the answer is because of the wealth of the continent. Cheap land and an expanding frontier meant that we never had really to solve our problems of industrial relations. I got once into the early history of the New England textile industry. The girls who worked in those mills twelve and fourteen-hour days got mad as hornets and did big turn-outs and, I suppose, frightened the mill owners with their determination to get more. That was in the 1840's. But instead of going on and solving their problem, they and their families went West, and the Irish came in and worked the long hours. And when the Irish got angry and left, here came the Poles and the Italians and the Portugese, and so on. It has always been possible to escape--to move out or up and usually both.

What used to be said in economics classes thirty years ago was that the caste system had a lot to do with the rise of the Labor Party, and that as we had no caste system, we weren't under that pressure. That must be a diminishing pressure in Britain, and it still does not show itself here.

The British economy is one that simply has to plan. So many people on so little land. Imperial expansion floated them, but that amounted to a kind of plan in itself. As that lost its power to float, the working people of England saw--most of them only quite dimly--that the islands had to assert public policy over industry (and agriculture too, for that matter). Hence, a socialist movement with deep purpose.

Working people in this country have never been under such a pressure except spasmodically in times of depression.

When business is rolling along, every man pins his hopes on his relationship to his boss. The great chance is in fattening the pay check by greater skill or smoother flow of work in the plant (which is where trade unionism comes in) or promotion. So we give only bits of our attention to politics, because politics doesn't matter to our living. In a depression, of course, things turn around. The boss has nothing more to offer, is cutting wages or may have laid you off. So you go for regulating the economy and setting it back on its feet. One or the other of the standard political parties is always ready to promise that. And after business gets rolling again, we all forget about governing it.

That one fundamental idea could be embroidered and footnoted. But that's the bottom of the problem, I think.

Not a soul left at my college in Oxford that I knew except the don in economics, one A. B. Rodger (Balliol). You might perhaps run into him.

I envy you six weeks in that good city.

The high point in recreation, for your and Mrs. McCallister's benefit, is to go to the boat dock on the Cherwell and take a punt and carry along in the punt a hamper which should properly be filled with lobster and salad and white wine and strawberries and Devonshire cream and cake. Pull yourself, albeit awkwardly, a mile or so up to some buttercupped meadow, and land and spread the feast.

I have duly set your other letter into the tickler, to be turned up April 1, 1954, when we will bill you most pressingly for dues and back dues.

Many thanks for helping us with kind words to foundation people. That helps tremendously.

I will hope to get to Chicago before you have gone, and will try to see you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

April 8, 1953

Irene Osborne & Alma Scurlock
American Friends Service Committee
Community Relations Program
104 C St., N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Friends:

Your bulletin never fails to strike the sparks. Much pride in what you do.

Can you send me a copy of the HANDBOOK OF INTERGROUP EDUCATION or tell me how to get one? I see that our Atlanta Congressman said mean things about the use of such a book in Washington schools!

You may be interested in our latest list from the files on colleges open.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

April 8, 1953

South African Institute of Race Relations
P. O. Box 97
Johannesburg
SOUTH AFRICA

Dear Sirs:

We would be grateful for three copies of Race: What Does the Bible Say? published by the Christian Council of South Africa.

I trust the enclosed dollar will cover the price and postage.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encl.

April 14, 1953

Mr. Marcus E. McConnell, Jr.
Livingston, Ala.

Dear Mr. McConnell:

My many thanks to you and all the others for the kindnesses extended to me in the trip over to Livingston. The forum group was a good audience, and I enjoyed being with them.

Expenses are as follows:

Transportation,	Atlanta-Meridian	$11.32
	Livingston-Birmingham (bus)	2.59
	Birmingham-Atlanta	5.86
Meals		3.03
Telephone		.45
City bus		.13
	TOTAL	$23.38

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

April 14, 1953

Miss Louise R. McKinney
Stillman College
Tuscaloose, Ala.

Dear Miss McKinney:

I do appreciate your letter of April 10, and my warmest sympathies go out to you for the distress and heavinessof heart caused you.

It so happens that the next issue of our little magazine NEW SOUTH, which will be out now in lessthan two weeks, has a lead article on just this general subject. We took Herman Long's report (copy of which I send you separately) and made it the basis of a general discussion of the problem. I think we will probably send copies of our article to all the railroads in the South and will try to get it distributed to minor railway officials if we can.

The Council has no way of getting at these matters except through building public opinion. We are not equipped to make the various incidents into legal cases. We do, however, know that Mr. Robert Carter of the NAACP, at 20 West 40th Street, New York 18, was recently in Birmingham at a meeting which touched on this general subject, and said he would like to be informed of cases suitable for prosecution. You may care to send him the accounts of incidents that you sent to me.

Our general experience has been that such an article as we will be doing in the March-April NEW SOUTH brings wide attention and discussion in the South. I can't promise that it will get prompt action, but we have reason to believe that it will do a good deal of good. I will be at pains to send you some copies of it when it comes out.

Meanwhile, if there is some further step you would like us to take, let me know.

With the warmest wishes,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

Same letter: heads of all State organizations except in Ala. & Tenn.

April 16, 1953

Rev. Lewis H. Deer
Pulaski Heights Christian Church
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Mr. Deer:

We've been thinking that it would be good if at the forthcoming annual membership meeting of the Council May 14 a report could be made informally from each State group as to the situation on schools. The best would be for you to have your volunteer correspondent picked out and to be sure that he comes over to the meeting. We would be willing to pay that person's expenses. You yourself, as an ex-officio member of the Board, get your expenses paid anyway. So if the other person is not picked out in your State, we would count on you to be prepared to ~~state~~ up in four or five minutes how school matters stand with you.

I hope that will be suitable with your group in one way or another.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

April 16, 1953

Mr. John Q. Schisler
Board of Education
The Methodist Church
Division of the Local Church
Box 871
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Schisler:

For a year or so now, the Council has had a hand in bringing together every few months representatives of various agencies in the South concerned with human relations. There is no organization: we merely meet to talk about topics of common interest.

One of the early meetings was at Birmingham on slum housing and bomb violence, the next at Fisk to discuss what could be done to counteract the use of racial and religious prejudice in election campaigns, and the last was in Atlanta recently on issues coming up in the schools. I send you the minutes of the last gathering.

Going by old directories, we had been listing as the appropriate person for the Methodists Miss Doris Dennison. At Mrs. Tilly's suggestion, we are putting your name down as one who might represent, formally or informally, the Methodist concern in such matters.

We will be happy to continue to send you minutes of any future meetings held, and we hope that it will be possible for you to come to some of them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

April 16, 1953

The Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters, D.D.
Bishop of Raleigh
15 N. McDowell St.
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Bishop Waters:

I report some further progress with my rounds. At Father Marvin Bordelon's urging, I went the other day to Grailville and spent a most pleasant day and night and morning there. The sincerity and high purpose of those young women was an inspiration.

Yesterday afternoon Father Forsthoetel, who has for some years been a subscriber to NEW SOUTH, took me over to talk to the seminarians at Glenmary. That was as appreciative an audience as I have ever had; clearly, a most choice group of young men.

And arrangements are complete with Mother M. Constance for my being with the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart at Baltimore on June 8.

At Grailville I had the good luck to fall in with the girl about to go to Basutoland, who had talked with you only a few weeks ago and to whom you had kindly commended me.

It will be a pleasure to see you at the oncoming meeting in Richmond.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

April 21, 1953

Mr. Will Maslow
American Jewish Congress
15 E. 84th St.
New York 28, N. Y.

Dear Will:

That's all right about serving on the Commission. I will be glad to, and I take on "Violence and Vandalism." I would like to have associated with me Mr. Alex Miller, Southeastern director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, 11 Pryor Street, S.W., Atlanta. I doubt that he is a member of NAIRO, but he ought to be, and I am sure he would be willing to help me get up the material.

The program looks all right to me.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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April 21, 1953

Mr. J. D. Rust
The John Rust Foundation
508 Simmons Bldg.
Pine Bluff, Ark.

Dear Mr. Rust:

Many thanks for your letter. I will come over to Pine Bluff by plane Friday, May 1, at 1:02, and will get to your office by about two o'clock that day.

We've got an annual meeting coming up in mid-May, and I'm pretty pressed for time and ought to come back to Atlanta by train about nine or ten Friday night, May 1.

The people at the NCALL meeting in Washington this week will be sorry that they don't get you there. But I can tell you, I hope, when I get to Pine Bluff, what took place.

With warm regards to you both,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

April 21, 1953

Rev. John Page Williams
Church Schools in the Diocese of Virginia
110 W. Franklin St.
Richmond 20, Va.

Dear Page:

We are mighty sorry to lose you; you have been valued, I assure you, as a member of the Board.

We want always to have the warmest relationship with the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Virginia Council of Churches, and will count on you to help us keep up that connection.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

April 22, 1953

Miss Frances Tiernan
712 Belvoir Ave.
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Miss Tiernan:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to send you what information we have related to your recent questions.

(1) What is the infant mortality rate for the Southeastern region and for the U. S. for 1950 or after?

The latest figures on mortality that are readily available are for the year 1949. In 1949 the infant mortality rates for the South was 38.3; for the total United States, 31.3

"South" as used here includes: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

Source: Based on Tables 65 and 80, Statistical Abstract of the U. S., 1952

(2) Number of persons engaged in manufacturing in the South in 1950 ... decrease in number employed in agriculture.

In 1950 there were 2,621,667 persons employed in manufacturing in the South (includes thirteen states listed above). Persons employed in manufacturing constituted 18% of all persons employed in the South.

In 1940 there were 1,864,099 persons employed in manufacturing in the thirteen Southern states, constituting 15% of all employed persons in the South.

Thirty-four per cent of all employed persons in the South were engaged in agriculture in 1940. By 1950 the proportion had decreased to 22%. The actual number of persons employed in agriculture decreased 1,056,198 from 4,179,610 to 3,123,412. Source: 1950 census of Pop, 1940 census

(3) Crime rates in the South and U. S.

The following rates are taken from Table 161, Statistical Abstract

of the U. S., 1952:

US Crime Rates - - Offenses Known to the Police in Urban Communities, 1950
(Rate per 100,000 population)

Region	Murder, Non-negligent manslaughter	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary, Breaking or Entering	Larceny—Theft (Exc.Auto)	Auto Theft
Total US	5.11	50.0	73.4	356.4	894.9	153.4
South Atlantic (Del, DC, Md, Va, WVa, NC,SC,Ga., Fla)	10.97	50.1	218.7	430.9	929.6	192.0
East South Central (Ky, Tenn,Ala,Miss)	14.44	53.7	119.7	394.0	662.5	193.1
North South Central (Ark, La, Okla,Tex)	9.59	42.2	74.7	457.3	1001.8	207.1

Note: The murder, nonnegligent manslaughter rates in the South Atlantic, East South Central and North South Central are higher than in any other regions.

The robbery rate is highest in the Pacific region, second highest in the East North Central region.

Aggravated Assault rates are highest in the South Atlantic, East South Central and North South Central regions.

Burglary, Breaking or Entering; Larceny (except auto); and Auto Theft rates are higher in the Pacific region than in other regions in the U. S. Rates for these three categories of crimes are second highest in the Mountain region and third highest in the North South Central region.

(4) Proportion of church membership in South as compared to rest of U. S.

We do not have any figures at hand that are up to date. The Georgia Council of Churches says that the last census conducted by the National Council of Churches showed that the South had a lower proportion of church affiliated persons than the U. S. as a whole. The proportion of the Georgia population affiliated with Protestant and Catholic churches in 1952 was 59%, while 57% of the U. S. population was church affiliated.

We are checking Louis J. Sherrell's book, "Lift up Your Eyes" for the last figures from the National Council of Churches at the suggestion of the Georgia Council. If this contains any up-to-date figures on the South, we will forward them to you.

(5) New industries in the South ...

The Southern Association of Science and Industry completed its first annual survey of Southern industry at the end of 1951, at which time it announced that the South (fourteen states from Maryland through Texas) had added an average of one new multi-million dollar industrial plant every working day during 1951--which amounted to some 300 multi-million dollar plants. (CHATTANOOGA TIMES, 1-1-52)

The second annual SASI survey, released in March, 1953, indicated that the one new multi-million dollar plant per day rate of progress is continuing. (ATLANTA CONSTITUTION 3-24-53)

If we can be of further assistance, please contact us again.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

April 24, 1953

Miss Essae Martha Culver
State Librarian
State Capitol Grounds
Baton Rouge, La.

Dear Miss Culver:

You will perhaps remember that our organization wrote you back in January for information on public library service to Negroes in Louisiana.

We are just beginning to analyze the data and would like very much to have the names of the two towns in Louisiana where Negroes have use of the main library. Your letter mentioned that there were two, but did not list them.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your earlier reply. When our report is completed we will be happy to send you a copy.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

April 24, 1953

Mrs. Lucille B. Wilson
Director of Extension
Texas State Library
State Capitol
Austin 11, Tex.

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

You will perhaps remember that our organization wrote you this January for information in regard to public library service to Negroes in Texas.

We are just beginning to analyze the data and find that we would like to have more detailed information on the situation in Texas.

Your letter of January 15 indicated that of the 181 reports returned to the State Library to be used in compiling the 1952 Directory of Texas Public Libraries, 101 indicate that they give some kind of service to Negroes. Also, that 28 of the 101 have separate branches for Negroes.

We would be interested in knowing which of these 101 libraries give service to Negroes in the main library, and on the same basis as they serve the white population. Could you compile a list of public libraries among these 101 who serve Negroes through their main library?

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your earlier reply. When our report is completed we shall send you a copy.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

April 27, 1953

Miss Florence Sytz
School of Social Work
Tulane University
New Orleans, La.

Dear Miss Sytz:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to reply to your letter of April 24th.

We are delighted that you can come for both the Board Meeting on May 13th and the Membership meeting next day. It would probably be possible for you to stay at Atlanta University, but because their space for visitors is limited and it will be, we hope, needed to take care of the Negro members of our Board and membership, I have made a reservation for you at the Piedmont Hotel where several other Board Members will be staying. I have told them that you will arrive at 7:50 Wednesday morning so that they can have a room ready for you then. If for ay reason you would prefer to stay at some other plce, let me know and I'll make the change.

We are looking forward to seeing you on May 13th.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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April 27, 1953

Mrs. W. C. White
Eau Gallie, Florida

Dear Mrs. White:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to reply to your letter of April 22.

It will be quite proper for you to rppresent the Florida Division at the Board meeting - the Council's By-laws say something about the representative bringing to the meeting a written proxy from the person he represents "in writing, subscribed by the member, and dated" but Dr. Mitchell has had a letter from Mr. Dunlap indicating that he has asked you to represent him and so says you are to come on without any other "proof".

I know that if you have another meeting in Florida this trip will be hard for you but I do hope that you will come. The response from the members has been excellent indicating a good attendance. We need you to make the group complete.

I will be glad to arrange a hotel reservation for you if you wish. Let me know if you have any preference - a number of the folks are to be at the Piedmont. And remember that this time we can pay expenses.

We shall look for you on May 13th.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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April 27, 1953

Dr. O. D. Duncan
Department of Sociology and Rural Life
Oklahoma A. & M. College
Stillwater, Okla.

Dear Dr. Duncan:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to reply to your letter of April 21 as he will be out of the office for several days.

We are delighted that you are planning to come to the Board meeting and Annual meeting and even more delighted that the Council is in position this year to pay expenses for the members.

Having had, in a former job, some experience with travel between Atlanta and Oklahoma City, I know that the route via Memphis is the best. I do not know the schedule from Memphis to Oklahoma City but can tell you that there is a train which leaves Atlanta at 4:45 p.m. and arrives in Memphis at 6:30 a.m. This train carries Pullman. I should think that you could easily get to the train after the membership meeting on May 14th. You will know about the schedule coming this way.

A number of the Board members will be staying at the Piedmont Hotel so I have made a reservation for you there beginning on the evening of May 12. However, if you would prefer to stay at some other hotel, we will change the reservation for you.

We shall certainly look forward to having you with us for the meetings. Please let me know if I can be of assistance in any way.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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April 29, 1953

Mrs. V. F. Boke
4557 Windsor Lane
Bethesda, Md.

Dear Adele:

Here is my last precious copy of the famous po' folks' farm plan. I surrender it into your custody and hope for its ultimate return.

You may remember there was a Spanish edition which I believe Congressman Dirksen, as then he was, waved menacingly on the floor of the House as an exhibit of the way these brash New Dealers were wasting Government coin. Somewhere I have a Spanish one and could disinter it if you should need it. We used it, you know, in New Mexico.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

April 29, 1953

Irene Osborne & Alma Scurlock
American Friends Service Committee
Community Relations Program
104 C St., N. E.
Washington 2, D. C.

Dear Irene Osborne & Alma Scurlock:

The Annual membership meeting of the Southern Regional Council occurs in Atlanta (Sage Hall, Atlanta University, 10:00 a. m.) Thursday, May 14. I am taking pains to have present from as many Southern States as possible the person named by our people in each State to build up information about the school system and inform us and help other organizations in his or her State. For the time being, these people have to be volunteers, but we can provide them with expense money.

Our May 14 meeting is mostly business, but for so much program as we will have, I want to get each of these State people (or so many as will by then have been selected) to talk a few minutes about what's going on in his proper State. Could one of you come down for the meeting, at our expense, and explain to us what you are doing in Washington? It would be very helpful if one of you could.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

April 30, 1953

Mrs. Milton P. Adler
New Orleans Committee on Race Relations
61 Versailles Blvd.
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mrs. Adler:

Your letter came in April 21, and I have been away ever since then, which is why I am so slow in answering.

The truth is that we have never altered constitutional matters so as to make room in Louisiana for a Board member's vote by the head or acting head of SRC and the head of the New Orleans Committee. But this good Council, as a private outfit, is, I believe, free of too much respect for machinery. We earnestly need you at the meetings May 13 and 14 and regard you as in all ways equivalent to a Board member. So please do come for the two days, and we will cover your expenses for the trip.

The Board convenes Wednesday, May 13, in the Board Room of Atlanta University, 223 Chestnut Street, S. W., Atlanta. It will meet all morning, adjourn for a cafeteria lunch at Spelman College near-by, and return for an hour or two in the afternoon.

The membership meeting comes the next day, Thursday, May 14, at Dean Sage Hall at Atlanta University. It goes on all morning, adjourns for lunch at the Graduate Dormitory at Atlanta University, and finishes up somewhere around four or five p.m. that day.

We will be glad to make hotel reservations for you here in Atlanta if you will let us know that you want one. We have a block of rooms available at the Piedmont.

I do hope that by the time of the meeting the New Orleans Committee can have decided what it will do about having somebody con up on schools who will be available as a correspondent for us and as a helper of various good movements thereabouts as the school situation unfolds.

We would like to have your New Orleans person up here (again at our expense) if you have somebody, to report with the others briefly on how the situation looks.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

April 30, 1953

Mr. W. C. Patton
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
729 Masonic Temple Bldg.
Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Mr. Patton:

We are extremely grateful for that excellent report on voting in Alabama. I know it was a whole lot of work to do it. Surely, however, such exact work is the beginning of conquest of the problem. I hope you will do what Luther Jackson used to do in Virginia. He got out a similar report every year, printed and distributed very widely. Luther Jackson's annual reports had bar charts for every county, showing the growth year by year in registration and voting. That effectually squeezed the laggard counties.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

April 30, 1953

Mr. W. I. Pittman, President
Jefferson County Coordinating Council
309 N. 23rd St.
Birmingham 3, Ala.

Dear Mr. Pittman:

Warm congratulations on the report on the matter of Negro police for Birmingham. I know something of how touchy a matter that has been, and it seems to me the pamphlet approaches the question in a most helpful spirit.

We frequently hear get calls from other Southern cities for information about how the use of Negro police has worked out. Could you send us fifteen or twenty copies of the report—not for us, but for other people who from time to time will write in? If there is a charge, we will try to meet it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

April 30, 1953

Rev. Dan C. Whitsett
First Methodist Church
Sylacauga, Ala.

Dear Dan:

Here is a letter to Turnipseed. Hope it helps. But yourself will have to be the real deciding pressure.

Yes, you should by all means call a morning meeting of your Executive Committee for May 26, so as to get officially into the school matter. Virginia has had such a meeting (which I attended last Friday), and it was most fruitful. South Carolina seems to be picking Howard McClain. Tennessee has picked Alfred Mynders.

The best advice I can give you on program for your May 26 morning session would be in that letter of December 23, 1952, to the Fund for the Republic, copy of which I sent you for ponderings. The idea would be to do as much of that as you can with volunteer resources. I don't advise setting up a State School Committee until you have real money for paid personnel. But you could let your Executive Committee be something pretty much like that. Main thing is to have somebody who is well informed. Then as the controversy takes new quirks and turns, the Alabama Division or a special School Committee from it can make public pronouncements as to what honorably should be done.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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April 30, 1953

Mr. Morris B. Abram
Healey Bldg.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Morris:

Leonard Haas tells me that by reason of a trip he is taking it won't be possible for him to be present at any of the membership meeting Thursday, May 14. He will be at all or part of the Board meeting Wednesday, May 13. He hoped you could plan quite definitely to be around for the membership meeting on the 14th, he (and I) trusting your law.

There will be some matters of by-laws to take up. Nothing serious, but people will want the comfort of a legal presence.

Hopefully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

April 30, 1953

Miss Doris V. Wilson
National Student Secretary
Southern Region, YWCA
Wesley Memorial Bldg.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Miss Wilson:

It's all right about the YM-YWCA meeting at Blue Ridge. I can be there quite certainly from the morning of the 10th--well before the morning session--and will stay as long as you absolutely have to have me. It will be hard for me to get there the night of June 9, because I have to be in Baltimore the day before.

I expect Mrs. Mitchell will come along with me. So when you are dickering with the room people at Lee Hall, will you try to get us pleasant accomodations? I will foot the conference fee for Alice.

There aren't any books that are really very good on what I'm going to be teaching. I will bring along some free pamphlet material from SRC to hand out to people and make them work over.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

May 1, 1953

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Hahn:

How extremely grateful we are for the Field Foundation's generous appropriation of $2,500 for the Council, in support of its monthly publication NEW SOUTH for the twelve month period beginning May 1, 1953.

We will continue to send in the progress reports on NEW SOUTH.

You and the Board have been most understanding and helpful about the NEW SOUTH appropriation, and we are as grateful as can be for it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encl.

May 1, 1953

Rev. C. Emerson Smith, Director
Department of Christian Social Relations
Virginia Council of Churches
109 W. Grace St., Rm. 202
Richmond 20, Va.

Dear Emerson:

So glad to have your letter of April 28 and to know that the responsibility on the school matter is centered on Mr. Brooke and the committee. Quite all right to send us an expense account for one, or even two, meetings of the committee, and we will be hoping that the committee will fix responsibility on some single person who would thereafter send in his monthly expenses to us.

I hope that whatever is done is done in the closest association with you and the Virginia Council of Churches.

I thought I could see in the meeting the other day the possibility of your constructing in Virginia a committee on schools which would, by bringing in both Jewish and Catholic people, cure the old oddity. Thus, you might have a policy committee inclusive of all groups, which would direct the work of a special person, steadily building up his knowledge of schools. He would advise them, and they would do whatever public pronouncing were needed. Anyhow, do what seems reasonable and best in Virginia, and I will do my best to fit into what works with you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. I'm sending a copy of this to Mr. Brooke so as to inform him of these delicacies.

GSM:ee

May 1, 1953

Miss Joan E. Smith
Box 1217
Winthrop College Station
Rock Hill, S. C.

Dear Miss Joan:

I've been gone for ten days or so, which is why I'm slow in answering your letter. The Council hasn't got a job itself, but I called my friend Philip Hammer and asked him to consider taking you on for the summer. Phil thought it might well fit in with his plans.

He has been running the Metropolitan Planning Commission for the City of Atlanta. Only a few days ago he changed jobs to being executive secretary of the Committee of the South, National Planning Association. This summer he still has to do tag ends of Planning Commission work, as well as pick up his new job. He says he will need somebody to hold down one office for him. I gather you would have some statistical compilation to do, some telephoning, some list making, and some typing--rather on your own than as a secretary.

Phil said he would write to you. I do hope it works out. He is a grand fellow, has some acquaintance with Dorothy Jones, and reaches out into many directions in Southern matters. You would learn a lot by a summer's work with him.

If it doesn't work out, let me know, and I will try something else.

Tell Dorothy Jones my friend in Hanover has a home-cured ham hanging in the smokehouse awaiting for me, and my mouth and my wife's mouth are just a waterin'.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

May 1, 1953

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Marion:

I am delighted at the happy outcome of the New York meeting. I am sure it is owing very largely to the quality and temper of your talk.

I was away and Fleming was sick when your Charleston talk came in. Wherefore, apologies for not having got it back to you. But it looks to me to have needed no changes and to have been most helpful material to say in Charleston.

We received the other day a check for $1,500 from the John Hay Whitney Foundation, specifically to support Mrs. Tilly's work with the sheriffs. That's a great help, and Mrs. Tilly is delighted, as are we all. Wednesday the Field Foundation sent us $2,500 to continue their support of NEW SOUTH for the period May 1, '53-April 30, '54. So that one is underpinned. We still have hopes that the Automobile Workers and perhaps the CIO will come through with grants in time for them to be noticed at theannual meeting.

For program at the meeting, we are trying to run up attendance of the various State correspondents on schools. I expect we will have someone here in that capacity from Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, South Carolina, Mississippi, and possibly others. It looks as though Board attendance is going to be pretty good.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ee

May 1, 1953

Rev. W. Carroll Brooke
Box 208
Staunton, Va.

Dear Mr. Brooke:

Very nice to see and talk with you the other day in Richmond.

Emerson has written me that your committee will be meeting May 7 to do something further on the school business. I write now to reinforce our strong invitation to you to come down for the Board meeting of the Council Wednesday, May 13, and stay for the membership meeting on the 14th. The trip will be at our expense. Let us know, and we can save a room at the Piedmont Hotel for you.

The Board meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. in Dean Sage Hall at Atlanta University.

It will be a grand thing if on May 7 your committee can pick someone to have a special interest in school matters. We would be delighted to have that person come down to the meetings also, again at our expense. The only thing we're doing for the meetings in the way of program is to have these various State School correspondents give a quick summary of how the situation looks.

I have written as enclosed to Emerson Smith.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encl.

May 4, 1953

Mr. John D. Rust
The John Rust Foundation
508 Simmons Bldg.
Pine Bluff, Ark.

Dear Mr. Rust:

The Council is extremely grateful to you and to the Rust Foundation for the kind contribution of athousand dollars. In accordance with our understanding, this will be applied to the project which we call the Southwide Commission on Equal Penalties in Courts of Law. The Commission stands in need of just this gift in order to go to work. We will let you know from time to time of the development of that program.

Your generous understanding of human needs in the South is an inspiration to us all. And to me personally your and Mrs. Rust's many hospitable attentions have been most particularly pleasant.

With the warmest appreciation,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encl.

May 4, 1953

Mr. W. M. Wise
129 Administration Bldg.
University of Florida
Gainesville, Fla.

Dear Mr. Wise:

This confirms my hasty note several days ago accepting your kind invitation of April 10 to be present at the Southern Conference at Warren Wilson College Thursday, August 20, to talk from 8:30 until 9:30, with subsequent discussion.

Your letter had been addressed to me care of the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen at Black Mountain, and reached me only April 30.

My plan would be to reach Warren Wilson on the evening of August 19 and stay through the 20th.

I suppose the best thing for me to do is make my regular "Map Speech." Some of those present may have heard it, but it is my best means of teaching a lot in a short time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

May 4, 1953

Mr. Otto Pragan
International Chemical Workers Union
1659 West Market St.
Akron 13, Ohio

Dear Mr. Pragan:

All set for my part in the Junaluska school.

I willplan to get there by supper time on Monday, the 25th, and stay for Tuesday morning.

I am never much of a stickler for fees. It does our Council good to have the opportunity to present its views to your people. But if the Union can afford $25 plus my (modest) travel, the Council would be grateful for that aid.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

May 5, 1953

Interstate Commerce Commission
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I trust that this recent issue of the Council's publication NEW SOUTH will be of interest.

We are ourselves sending it out to two or three leading officers of each of the larger passenger carrying lines in Southern territory. If additional copies will be of value to the Commission, we would be glad to supply a small quantity free. Any considerable number would come at four cents each.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

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May 5, 1953

Miss Dorothy Ferebee, President
National Council of Negro Women
1318 Vermont Ave., N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Miss Ferebee:

We are sending out this issue of NEW SOUTH to leading officials of the main passenger carrying lines in Southern territory and to the bus companies and to the home offices of the railway conductors, the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, and the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

I wonder whether the National Council of Negro Women would care to stock a quantity and send them out at least to its local branches? We can supply any reasonable number at four cents apiece. Still, it isn't the four cents; we covet your aid in getting the idea of the facts around.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

May 5, 1953

Mr. Elmer W. Henderson, Director
American Council on Human Rights
1130 6th St., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Henderson:

How about looking this one over for circulation out to your people?

We are mailing it ourselves to officers of most of the railway lines carrying passengers in Southern territory and to the bus companies and to the home offices of the conductors and the trainmen and to Mr. Philip Randolph. I've sent some to Walter White and some to the National Council of Negro Women.

I am sure your component organizations could help tremendously in getting the facts and the views around.

We all honor your part in clearing up these principles.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encl.

May 5, 1953

Mr. Walter White, Secretary
N. A. A. C. P.
20 W. 40th St.
New York 18, N. Y.

Dear Walter:

Here is our first venture into this field. It is no more than a boil-down of a longish report Herman Long did at Fisk. In addition to our regular subscribers, the issue is going out from us with a letter to leading officials of the many passenger-carrying lines in Southern territory; ditto the bus companies; and to the home offices of the Order of Railway Conductors and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. I am sending a number to Philip Randolph and think perhaps he will want to make some special arrangement to get it out in quantity to his member. I hope I can get some arrangement for sending it out to local lodges of the conductors and the trainmen.

What else would be good to do with it? We've got several hundred extra ones which go in quantity at four cents apiece.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ed
Encl.

May 5, 1953

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 W. 125th St., Rm. 301
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

This, we hope, is worth some looking at. You will see that it is based on a careful report done by the Race Relations Department of the American Missionary Association at Fisk University.

We are mailing it out with a letter to the principal officers of all of the larger passenger carrying railroads serving Southern territory. I am sending it also to the officers of the Order of Railway Conductors and to the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, and to each of these latter I am expressing the hope that they will be interested in getting copies of it out to their local lodges in the Southern States.

What could we do that would assist the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters ? I should think it would be of interest to all of your members. I printed an extra 500 or so, and therefore could supply them in quantity up to that many. If you should want more, we would have to reprint. They work out at about four cents apiece. I send you 25, anyway, as a gift.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., NE., Rm. 432
Atlanta, Georgia
May 5, 1953

Mr. Martin C. Carroll
University of Western Australia
Department of English
Nedlands
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Dear Mr. Carroll:

How very kind that is of you to take up the task about "Blackbirding." We will eagerly await what you can put together.

I confess the story in much telling has become rounded at the corners. But I am sure somewhere there is substance to it.

I send you separately various of our recent publications, as showing what sort of a show the Southern Regional Council is.

I was at Oxford when Fulbright was there, and therefore had the honor of his acquaintance, at least.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

May 5, 1953

Mrs. Ruby Lyells
1116 Montgomery St.
Jackson, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

We are delighted to have word from Mr. Long that you are chosen to be the School Correspondent for Mississippi. An excellent choice, and we are delighted to have that further close link with you.

We look forward to your coming over for the meeting on the 14th. Let us know if you want accomodations, and we will take care of you.

The only thing we're doing by way of program for the meeting on the 14th is to have each one of the new State School Correspondents make a brief report on how the situation looks in his or her State. So come prepared! Four or five minutes should do the trick.

Warmly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

May 5, 1953

President John Long
Southern Christian Institute
Edwards, Miss.

Dear Mr. Long:

Congratulations! The States come dropping in, one by one. How nice to have Mississippi in agreement. Alabama thinks that Turnipseed, the Methodist parson at Montgomery, will do the job there. In Tennessee Alfred Mynders will take it on. In Virginia they have appointed a committee to pick someone, and it will meet May 7. Here is Mississippi with Mrs. Lyells. A good choice, and she will do it well. South Carolina is making up its mind and Georgia and, I hope, the rest. Kentucky is busy I know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

May 5, 1953

Judge Richard J. Foster
Box 1325
Greenville, S. C.

Dear Judge Foster:

I appreciate very much the clipping sent with your (also much appreciated) membership dues.

Your reference to South Carolina's failure to provide a training school for feeble-minded Negro children reminds me that the Council several years ago ran an article on that subject relating to the South in general. It is a thing that the South really must do something about.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encl.

May 5, 1953

Irene Osborne & Alma Scurlock
American Friends Service Committee
Community Relations Program
104 C St., N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Folks:

Please be kind enough to send us copies of reports of the two seminars on school integration thus far held, and to put us down to get a copy of the report of the third.

Postage enclosed.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encl.

May 6, 1953

Miss Frances Tiernan
712 Belvoir Ave.
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Miss Tiernan:

I have just checked Lewis J. Sherrill's Lift up your Eyes and did not find a comparison of the proportion of church-affiliated population in the South with the proportion throughout the U. S.

The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S., 297 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y. can probably give you the most recent figures.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

May 7, 1953

William V. Roosa
American Friends Service Committee
336 Church St.
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Mr. Roosa:

Many thanks for the kind words in your letter of May 5. Glad to know you have come up for air again after the conferences.

The Southern Regional Council needs any information you have about the one-day peace meeting held here last September--a list of people who attended and any record you have of what we discussed. I seem to remember taking some notes and sending them to you.

Also, the Friends would still like to have, when available, a list of people who attended the conference last month.

You will be interested to know that, as an outgrowth of the reception for foreign students at the conference, the Council of Churchwomen is having a picnic this month for all foreign students and a few American students from all the Atlanta colleges (including the Negro colleges).

I look forward to seeing you the next time you are in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

Emily Calhoun

May 8, 1953

Mr. Alex Miller
Anti-Defamation League
11 Pryor St., SW
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Alex:

You remember a year or two ago we talked some about the proposed Commission on Equal Penalties in Courts of Law which Ed Lukas and the AJC in particular have shown an interest in.

I'm finally within shooting distance of it. You remember that Doris Duke promised a thousand if we could match it within the South, and so also did a small New York foundation. I got the other day from an Arkansas contributor a thousand for matching the foundation sum. On the Doris Duke thousand my accounts are as follows:

Atlanta friends, paid	$~~260~~ 300.00
Atlanta friends, pledged	550.00
Total	$850.00

I'm still short $150 of matching the Doris Duke contribution. Would you like to have a hand in putting together that final sum?

When it comes in, we will have $4,000, and we can shoot. Ought to have more, but I will take it on for the four.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

May 11,1953

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 W. 125th St., Rm. 301
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

I greatly appreciate your kind remarks on the issue of NEW SOUTH on "Law and Practice in Interstate Travel." We are sending you a hundred copies, and will bill you for them at four cents each. We are honored to have the aid of your Union in getting the issue out to people's attention.

We have ourselves sent it to officials of the main passenger lines in the South and to the president of the Conductors, the Trainmen, the Patrolmen, the Railway Supervisors, the Colored Firemen, the Colored Trainmen, the United Transport Service Employees and one or two more. Any suggestions as to further distribution we should make?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

MEMO TO LEONARD HAAS May 12, 1953

Marion Wright asks you to be good enough to carry the ball on the proposed new by-laws.

You remember that there are two problems of by-laws. One is the small matter of adopting now to govern these meetings language from the whole new set of by-laws, being language about election of a Board of Directors. The other problem is that of adopting or arranging for ultimate adoption of the whole new set of by-laws.

Marion or I will carry the ball on the first item--the little one.

Can you do it on the big one?

Marion suggests that the appropriate procedure on the big one is to present to the membership meeting on Thursday some such resolution as this:

> Resolved, that the membership of the Council, in annual meeting assembled, adopt the proposed draft of by-laws as read today, with the proviso that the effective date of the same shall be within the discretion of the Executive Committee, and until such date, the existing by-laws, as today amended with respect to election of the Board of Directors, shall continue in full force and effect.

That licks it.

Alternatively, we could do what you and I had discussed: get Thursday's membership meeting to endorse the idea and authorize the Executive Committee to poll the membership by mail at some later date on adopting of the new by-laws.

I think Marion Wright's simple solution is the best. But if you prefer the other, you are certainly at liberty to propose it. Maybe someone in discussion would propose that anyway.

In support of the new by-laws you have the following historical matters:

(1) The last membership meeting, December 1951, adopted a resolution asking for such by-laws to be drafted.

(2) The Executive Committee, at its meeting of December 20, 1952, also directed the drafting in detail of such by-laws.

(3) Maybe the Board of Directors, at its meeting May 13, '53, will endorse these by-laws (though there may not be time to take them up).

(4) I have scrutinized the draft of the new by-laws. Josephine Wilkins has scrutinized them. You have scrutinized them.

May 15, 1953

Mr. William Bradbury
Executive Secretary
Committee on Education, Training
and Research in Race Relations
1126 E. 59th St.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Bradbury:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to answer your recent inquiry.

SRC has not published or circulated any surveys related to integration in hospitals.

I have gone through our clipping files, however, and pulled out the few newspaper notices that have appeared in the past few years on the appointment of Negro doctors to hospital staffs in the South, or integration in nurses training. These are listed in the attached memo. We do not have information as to the restrictions which Negro doctors on formerly all white staffs have imposed upon them.

We did assist the NEW YORK TIMES in a survey of hospital facilities for Negroes in the South about 1949, which included some material on integration. Our one remaining clipping of the story was loaned some time ago and has not yet been returned.

You might be interested in the enclosed article "Professional Associations Drop the Color Bar," which contains information on both medical and nurses associations which have integrated. The typewritten sheet accompanying it brings the information up to date.

If we can be of further help, please call on us.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

encl.

May 18, 1953

Mr. Gary Adamson
1225 N. Jefferson
Springfield, Mo.

Dear Mr. Adamson:

I ought to write you about a seven-page answer. And if I could really squeeze everything that ought to be done into seven pages, it would be a $50,000 article. And as badly as we need $50,000, I guess the answer is that I couldn't write such a letter, to save me.

This thing in the South has always worked rather by ear than by book.

I've been trying to think what is the handiest little publication to help you. I guess it is something called THE REPORTER, issued monthly by the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials, from Box 163, Cathedral Station, New York 25, N. Y. I think THE REPORTER costs three dollars a year. I enclose a back issue or two. It tries to keep up with the literature and some of the main ideas.

I send you also some back issues of our little publication NEW SOUTH. It may suit you. It costs a dollar and a half a year.

You are no great distance from my friend the sociology man at Fayetteville, Arkansas, at the University. He's named Stephen Stephan. Unlike me, he knows all the official literature.

Notice particularly our issue of NEW SOUTH about Kentucky. Maybe that helps.

It seems to me the thing to do in Missouri, certainly in your part of Missouri, is to hold everybody to the fullest equality. Surely, that's the law and that's the spirit of your area. The slightest discrimination ought to be heavily stepped on.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

May 18, 1953

Mr. Robert H. Laird
First Presbyterian Church
Loup City, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Laird:

Nice to have your letter. NEW SOUTH is still rolling along. I send you separately several issues and a new one of the March, '47, education issue. Those figures were old then and are quite unusable now, as are also those in THE CONDITION OF OUR RIGHTS.

I think that the publications of the Southern States Work Conference on School Administrative Problems could be had from John Ivy (who ran it) who now runs the Southern Regional Education Board at 830 West Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta.

The NEGRO YEAR BOOK is published each year by Tuskegee Institute. A brand new one is out, but it was put together, I think, before the 1950 census figures could get into it.

Most up-to-date material on schools comes out in the JOURNAL OF NEGRO EDUCATION, published by Howard University, Washington, D. C. The editor is Mr. Charles H. Thompson.

Several of the issues of NEW SOUTH will bear on the matter you're interested in, but we have not done anything recently that will help much. The truth is that the situation changes so very rapidly and the figures lag so many years behind that figures aren't much good. By and large, I would say that all of the larger Southern cities have got their white and Negro schools nearly equal in physical facilities. In the upper South white and Negro rural schools are within sneezing distance of being equal. But in the lower South the States have only quite lately begun to consolidate rural Negro schools into decent modern structures. So the Negro rural schools are still shacks in a lot of places. Of course, in the end, they must all be together. And maybe the Supreme Court will speed things up remarkably!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

May 18, 1953

Mr. Alfred Mynders
THE CHATTANOOGA TIMES
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Mynders:

Very nice to have your letter of May 11. I read portions of it to the membership meeting, as a report from Tennessee. We had people from South Carolina and Mississippi and Kentucky, and in addition, had a Quaker girl down from Washington who has done a magnificent pilot job there.

They talk in Florida of arranging a meeting in each county, interracial in character, to pick over the problems and state of public opinion. Pretty good idea.

Excellent meeting last Wednesday and Thursday, made much the more cheerful by the election of Rufus Clement to the School Board and a couple of other municipal victories hereabouts. Really, the Clement experience was remarkable, because the anti-Negro people had tried to smear him as Communist-tainted. But he triumphantly vindicated himself and only two days later was so remarkably elected. Eight thousand Negro votes. Fourteen thousand white votes.

Incidentally, the membership meeting re-elected the present slate of officers of the Council, including, I was happy to know, Alfred Mynders as a vice-president. I put you down as accepted.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

May 18, 1953

Rev. L. J. Twomey, S. J.
Institute of Industrial Relations
Loyola University
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Father Twomey:

Thank you for your letter and for encouraging Mrs. Adler to come up. We missed you but were glad to have her. She is a charming person who adds a lot to any meeting. And we were all so pleased to hear the things she and her friends have under way in New Orleans.

The thing to do about the Louisiana Division is to call a meeting, even if it is only a small one, and have an election. But meanwhile, you have got the job of picking a school volunteer, a la my several recent letters. That means having some kind of little executive committee meeting and picking him. Of course, it may be possible to combine in a single person the school volunteer for Louisiana and for New Orleans. Or maybe you ought to have somebody at Baton Rouge too.

Do whatever seems sensible in Louisiana and let me know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

May 18, 1953

Mrs. J. N. Rayzor
3207 Groveland Lane
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Rayzor:

Many thanks for your wire. We had a successful meeting, and Mrs. Hogue contributed greatly to it. Sorry that we couldn't have you, but will hope for better luck next time.

We elected to the Board from Texas Mrs. J. N. Rayzor and Mrs. Tommie Stroud and Tom Friedman and Dr. R. O'Hara Lanier and Mr. J. Edwin Smith and Charles A Shaw.

I would have put up a scrap to get Mrs. Hogue on the Board, but as she was a member of the nominating committee that picked the Board, it just couldn't work out this year. Much the same thing was true with an able man named Ocie Lee Smith from Arkansas, who was on the nominating committee and should be on the Board. Same thing with another man named Ernest Neal from Tuskegee.

Do write us that you can come on again. I don't know whether it will be for a two-year term or a four-year term. (Depends on how names get pulled out of a hat.) But we do cordially want you to accept.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

May 18, 1953

Mr. J. D. Rust
The John Rust Foundation
508 Simmons Bldg.
Pine Bluff, Ark.

Dear Mr. Rust:

The Southern Regional Council had its annual membership meeting yesterday, and in choosing a whole new Board of Directors, gave itself the pleasure of asking you to become a member of its Board. I guess it would be either a two-year term or a four-year term, depending on how the lot drawing comes out.

The duties are not onerous. You would be expected to come to a Board meeting once a year, at the Council's expense, and we would count on you some for helping to spread the Council's general program in your area. Other Arkansas people elected were: Harry Ashmore, U. S. Bond, Mrs. Floyd Bates, and Mrs. Henry Tucker. All except Mr. Bond are from Little Rock.

Do write us that you can come on. We would feel honored to have you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Dictated May 15

May 18, 1953

Mr. John Popham
NEW YORK TIMES
c/o CHATTANOOGA TIMES
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Johnny:

That was a grand story that you sent us the clip on from the CHATTANOOGA TIMES. I also saw the NEW YORK TIMES version. Though tying it in with the Clement story cut it considerably, that was certainly the way to handle it, and does us a lot of good. We couldn't hope for better.

Again, many thanks, and do come to see us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

P. S. By the way, I spent a day helping out NEWSWEEK's Southern man, Bill Emerson. He is a great admirer of your work and hopes to meet you soon. If you see an Atlanta trip coming up, let me know, and I'll arrange a lunch or something.

HCF:ec

May 19, 1953

Very Rev. Maurice V. Shean, C. O.
Catholic Committee of the South
Box 895
Rock Hill, S. C.

Dear Father Shean:

Two people who I think could be quite helpful are:

(1) Philip Hammer. He has newly been put on to a job of running for the National Planning Association's Committee of the South whatever is its program. I am a little vague about it. It's a mixture of economic, industrial, and constitutional advance. Able man. Liberal, sound, business connected. He and I worked together for years in the government. Pretty sure he would come for some days and would enjoy it.

(2) Mr. H. M. Conway, Executive Secretary, Southern Association of Science and Industry. I talked by phone to Mrs. Conway, who said in the event they had a letter from you, they would probably steer you to a vice-president of the Southern Association of Science and Industry, whose name I forget, but whom they greatly praised. He would be a business guy with, I believe, Presbyterian connections. Couldn't find out where he lives.

SASI has been doing good work linking manufacturers and research in the physical sciences at Southern institutions. They are the best current voice of Southern industry, without the stridency of the Manufacturers Record at Baltimore or the fibbiness of Chambers of Commerce. So I suggest you write Mr. Conway and ask him to name you somebody from his group.

For an agricultural person you might draw on Professor George Aull at Clemson. He's near-by and he would understand matters and he's pretty widely informed. Truth about George Aull is he's fairly conservative. But he's pretty good on interracial matters and he understands the needs both of large-scale and small-scale farming. I don't know anybody at State College at Raleigh comparable to Aull in maturity and information and judgment, though there may be somebody.

Why don't you try to get Walter Regenery?

I should think Rousseve could contribute a good deal.

I am sure that is going to be a most enjoyable and fruitful gathering.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

May 25, 1953

Miss Peggy Morley
The Americana Institute
2 West Forty-Fifth St.
New York 19, N. Y.

Dear Miss Morley:

We are very happy to send you the enclosed material on Negro police in the South. Our annual survey is published in September, but I have attached a typewritten supplement to the last listing published, which brings it up to date.

If we can supply any further information on Negro police, or on other developments in the South within our realm of interests we will be glad to do so.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

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Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., NE, Rm. 432
Atlanta, Georgia
U. S. A.
May 25, 1953

Mr. Kenneth Little
Department of Anthropology
University of Edinburgh
Edinburgh
SCOTLAND

Dear Ken:

Assistance, if you can, on a forthcoming visit to Britain of Morris Abram of this city. He's going over for the Rhodes Scholar reunion at the end of June, and will remain in Britain for the first three weeks of July.

Youngish lawyer--perhaps 32. Pembroke man. Graduate of the University of Georgia. Jewish. Married to a charming gentile wife, who will be along. Makes a good living at the law with a well-connected firm. Liberal, albeit with needful circumspection. Greatly interested in the whole matter of Negro advance, here and elsewhere. Interested in shaping his ideas on comparative development here and elsewhere. Remarkably fine speaker. Direct, to the point, logical, thoughtful, sincere, never fanatical. The best we have got to offer from these Southern States. Would like to meet some small groups of people who would confer with him on Negro and African matters. Could talk to small groups (free, of course) on the situation in the South and foreign policy in the USA, and so on.

Best address, Pembroke College, Oxford. Arriving approximately June 28. Will be staying at the Randolph Hotel in Oxford for the reunion days. Thereafter, mail will be forwarded to him from Pembroke.

You're the only contact I've got over there with your particular world. If you are around in England this summer, do, please, write him and put him in touch with some other people who will be interested.

Best to you all.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

May 25, 1953
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., NE
Room 432
Atlanta, Ga.

Farm Guide
Dept. NS, 49
Broomlands, Paisley
SCOTLAND

Dear Sirs:

Please be good enough to send a copy of Farm Holidays: 1953 Guide to Morris Abram, Esq., Pembroke College, Oxford, England.

I enclose a dollar. If that would buy two copies, perhaps you will be kind enough to post the extra copy to me, at the address above.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encl.

May 25, 1953

Mr. George Guernsey
Associate Director in Charge of Education
Congressof Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear George:

Here I am back in the office, with Abbotthereabouts also waiting for his plane to Akron. There were some more fireworks at the institute, but all ended in jollity. That is about as deep Southern a group as you are going to get together, and I think, on the whole, they did pretty well in taking the things they have to hear. Anyway, I had a good time and a lot of good food and company.

I don't know what to charge you. I think $25.00 a day would be, maybe, fair. So if you want to make it $125.00 for the five days, plus the travel, I would be very grateful. If you had lesser ideas as to the cost, say so, and write the check accordingly.

My travel was 173 miles. My car gets over the ground for a cash expense of one cent a mile. So if you want to run it out at about five cents a mile, fair enough.

I enjoyed your good staff.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Dictated May 23

May 25, 1953

Father Marvin Bordelon
Christ the King Church
Simmesport, La.

Dear Father Bordelon:

Many thanks for your kind letter of May 18. I hope we will all be together at Bellmont Abbey later on in the summer.

Here are a couple of copies of a good official discussion of improved farm leasing from the USDA. The County Agent should have copies of approved blank leases. If he has not, then the nearest supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration will almost certainly have some. The FHA one is called "Flexible Farm Lease."

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P. S. Here is a statement of my position I had to do recently for something called the National Council on Agricultural Life and Labor, 1751 N Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C. The National Catholic Rural Life Conference is one of the member organizations of the NCALL.

GSM:ec
Encls.

May 27, 1953

Mr. L. S. Buckmaster, President
United Rubber Workers of America-CIO
United Rubber Workers Bldg.
Akron 8, Ohio

Dear Mr. Buckmaster:

Last February we wrote Mr. Walker and said we greatly hoped that the Rubber Workers could make a grant to the Southern Regional Council again this year. You remember that in 1952 the Union gave us a much appreciated fifty dollars.

I hope the Committee will think about the possibility of increasing the grant for 1953. The Steelworkers find us a thousand, and so do the Auto Workers. ILGWU sends five hundred. It takes about $40,000 a year to keep us going, and we are still ten or eleven thousand short of our budget for the year.

I am freshly back from a week at the CIO school near Talladega, Alabama, where I had the pleasure of talking, day after day, with people from your good locals at Tuscaloosa and Memphis and Gadsden, and so on. I was delighted to see the real strength of the Rubber Workers in the lower South and to find your people such good, persuaded union men.

You've got various people around you who know intimately what the Council does, and I won't sing a song in our own praise. I am sure we are helpful to the cause of labor in the South in preparing the way for agreement on all these complicated matters of race and rights. And I deeply understand how important is the role that organized labor plays in the adjustment being made.

My letter to Mr. Walker of February 13 accompanied a copy of our 1952 audit, so that is in your files.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ee

May 29, 1953

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
1511 Laurel St.
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Alice:

Here is what I have writ. It may not be at all what you can use.

We never did find in the mails the copy of the South Carolina Clubwoman, so I never had that advantage toward knowing just what your audience was accustomed to.

As to the map. I don't trust myself to draw such a map as you want for the cover. I go ahead with abandon and draw it on a blackboard when I need to, but then I rub it out. To print it thus roughly violates every canon of the geographers and of the social scientists, and I do not authorize you to do or print any map based on what little I know or have said about South Carolina regional geography. To do it right, you have to hire batteries of clerks to work through census after census, and then you have to have field parties to trace it out, and then you will be wrong a little. But at least you can defend what you did. So I am all against a map.

You hurt not my feelings in the least if you reject this manuscript as being off beam. It looks a little queer to me. I think the fundamental fault is that I pontificate about things that I don't know enough detail on.

Howsomever, look it over and maybe you can change it yourself or tell me where to fix it.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

May 29, 1953

Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown
Palmer Memorial Institute
Sedalia, N. C.

Dear Dr. Brown:

The enclosed publication, which we consider libelous, was sent by its editor to an unknown number of Methodists, mostly in Georgia. It seems to have had some distribution also outside Methodist circles.

The Board of Directors of the Council considered the publication with some care at its meeting May 13, 1953, and possible legal steps are being explored. We suppose, however, that responsible parties in the Methodist Church will, at a reasonably early date, care to make an official statement repudiating the author of the publication and defending the Council's good name.

Meanwhile, the Council is preparing some analysis of the various charges made in the issue of the paper. As to the several persons abused who were Board members at the date of publication (Rufus E. Clement, B. E. Mays, Charlotte Hawkins Brown, Charles S. Johnson, F. D. Patterson, Will W. Alexander, John Long, Paul R. Christopher, Carter Wesley, Florence Syts, Forrester B. Washington), we propose to say merely that they are all people of unimpeachable loyalty and integrity, whose reputations and responsibilities place them out of reach of the scurrilous criticism made. We think that sort of statement is enough as to the Board members. We feel further that the Council can hardly be called upon for any statement in defense of persons who were former members of the Board.

A libel is a libel, and if the man can be shown to have libeled you, you have your own individual choice as to whether you will attack him in law or otherwise. But in such of the matter as relates to the Southern Regional Council, have we your permission, in the event that a statement is made by the Council to the Methodist authorities or to the public, to state merely what was said above--namely, that we consider your loyalty and integrity unassailable?

While we don't need anything in your defense, there is no harm in our having here in the files whatever you may want to point out to us as erroneous, twisted, or false in implication in Mr. Craft's mention of you.

Leonard Haas, as counsel for Southern Regional Council, would, I am sure, be glad to advise you or us in any legal implications of the matter that may come up.

The Board at its meeting May 13, after due consideration, expressed itself strongly as feeling that no additional circulation should be given to the publication, and we mail you this copy merely in order to fulfill our proper duty of letting you know of the matter.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 1, 1953

Mr. David H. Scull
Box 175, Route 1
Annandale, Va.

Dear Dave:

We all enjoyed you. Long life and success!

Many thanks for the dope on the Arlington group. I have written as enclosed to the various ones. Do persuade them to like SRC, and join it.

Our other Arlington and Alexandria members are:

Mr. Donald Becker, 715 S. Washington St., Alexandria
Miss Ellen C. Burke, 1200 Quincy St.
Miss Connie B. Chissell, Hopkins House Association, 1312 Princess St.
Mr. Earn N. Contee, Sec'y., Alexandria Chapter, Virginia Commission on Interracial Cooperation, 328 N. Patrick St.
Mrs. M. E. Evans, 115 South West St.
Mr. James Howard, 620 N. Alfred St.,
Rev. Kenneth G. Phifer, P. O. Box 682

Dr. R. L. Hunt, 709 S. Adams St., Arlington
Mr. Shelby A. Robert, 3380 N. Dickerson St., Arlington

No members in Fairfax or Falls Church.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encls.

June 1, 1953

Miss Dorothy T. Pearse, Vice-President
Community Council for Social Progress
1213 N. Wayne,
Arlington, Va.

Dear Miss Pearse:

Dave Scull came down to our annual meeting, and told me about the Community Council. You and we are for much the same things, and I do hope you and the other officers, at least, of C.C.S.P. will scratch around for the three bucks membership fee in the Council. We need more good Virginians!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encl.

June 1, 1953

Mr. Chester Heslep
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Charter:

I read with much interest your excellent talk at Rochester. Many thanks for sending it to me. First time I got a glimmering of what AEC is all about.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 1, 1953

Mr. Benjamin R. Epstein
Anti-Defamation League
212 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Epstein:

How very kind that was of you to write me about the award from the Catholic Committee of the South.

Some wise man recently said, "Praise is all right if you don't inhale it." But I do appreciate the honor from the Committee. Meanwhile, I am mindful that one of our strong links in all our work in the South is Alex and the whole ADL.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 1, 1953

Rev. L. J. Twomey, S. J.
Institute of Industrial Relations
Loyola University
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Father Twomey:

I greatly appreciate your kind congratulations on the honor done me by the Catholic Committee of the South.

Nothing has given me more pleasure in the work with the Southern Regional Council than the opportunities it has opened to form these true friendships with people in the Church.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 2, 1953

Rev. E. C. Mackay
Box 151
Oxford, Ga.

Dear Dr. Mackay:

We have prepared the enclosed (not yet complete) analysis of the ONE METHODIST VOICE attack. I thought you ought to have this copy for information. We have no plans for sending it around widely, but merely got together the facts for whatever use might be needed.

Seems to us of the greatest importance for the Methodist Church, through its proper organs, to take notice of the slanderous attack on its own people and on the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 3, 1953

Mrs. Elsie L. Wilson
Council of Social Agencies
715 Travis St.
Shreveport, La.

Dear Elsie:

Very many thanks for the copy of the report on the survey.

I have put in a couple of hours on it and will study it more. Everyone who had a hand in it is to be congratulated on the high level of fact-finding and sincerity in recommendations. Much of the work, I know, was tedious, but none of it seems slipshod, and all of it impresses with its accuracy.

I can see a spot or two at which complications and involvements softened what might have been stout proposals. But, in general, it seems to me that the committees were quite good about not pulling punches.

The strong recommendations on vocational education were particularly interesting, and also those in health and recreation. Out of what I have read so far, I don't get a clear picture of what is to be done about housing, but that's up in the air all over the country. Excellent proposals too about police training.

Of course, the great thing is not the findings, but the process, and that will have done a world of good. Problems get solved when people of good will, accustomed to working together, obtain the detailed facts. Clearly, the job you have all done has placed citizenship and race relations in shreveport on an altogether higher plane, and the results will come thick and fast in future years. How much surer you must all be as you touch each area of contention, now that the facts are there and the feelings and attitudes of people toward the facts have been explored!

Mrs. Elsie Wilson, June 3, 1953

I will ask Anna Holden to go through the report, figure by figure. Meanwhile, my warm appreciation to you for sending it, and our admiration to Shreveport and the Committee for the job they did.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 4, 1953

Mr. William V. Roosa, Director
Church Peace Education
American Friends Service Committee
336 Church Street
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Mr. Roosa:

Enclosed is a copy of the April issue of "One Methodist Voice" -- a paper published by an off-brand Methodist preacher named Blake Craft. As you will see, the paper attacks the Southern Regional Council and various persons associated with it, in terms which we regard as libelous.

Please note particularly paragraph 3 of the lead article, page one. You will recall the meeting which is here falsely reported. Several of those who were present have supplied us with written statements to the effect that both you and Dr. Mitchell are falsely quoted.

We are in hopes that the Methodist authorities will publicly repudiate this attack on the Council, and appropriate legal steps are also being explored. It would be very helpful if you would write us a letter expressing your own reaction to the account of the September meeting published by Mr. Craft.

Emily Calhoun tells me that she has already requested of you the lists of persons in attendance at the September and April meetings. Those, too, will be helpful.

Sorry to trouble you over so unworthy a matter, but such is the temper of the times!

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming

P. S. - Enclosed are the notes on the September meeting, which Emily returns with thanks.

June 4, 1953

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Marion:

Here is a not yet finally completed form of an analysis of the ONE METHODIST VOICE publication, done by H.C.F.

I will give one of these to Leonard Haas when he gets back from his short European trip; and when and if we can add to the file some statements from the Methodist Church, I will take a thus-completed file to the FBI.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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June 4, 1953

Dr. John J. O'Connor, Director
Workshop in Intergroup Education
Catholic University of America
Washington 17, D. C.

Dear Dr. O'Connor:

Can arrangements be made to attend part of the summer workshop in intergroup education being held at Catholic University June 29 to August 8?

It is impossible for me to be there the entire session, but I could come for the first few weeks if such part-time attendance is permissible. I would of course not expect to register for credit.

What would the registration fee be for attending half of the workshop?

Educational background: A. B. in social studies; course work toward MA. in sociology and anthropology completed.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

June 8, 1953

Mr. Alex Miller
Anti-Defamation League
11 Pryor St., SW
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Alex:

ADL did everyone a real favor in reprinting the chapter from WHO SPEAKS FOR MAN, which you sent me the other day. I have never seen that problem so well put.

You and I have both, in these last few days, spent some time with the delegation from India, and we know at first hand how keen is their interest in the problem of discrimination in the South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 9, 1953

Mrs. William H. Hogue
5319 Cherokee St.
Houston 5, Texas

Dear Mrs. Hogue:

You were a grand member of the nominating committee and a most helpful person all around. I do wish you were within easier reach, and we would draw on you for advice and facts.

In the note you wrote the night after the meeting there were two or three requests.

I believe Emily Calhoun sent the packets, including the TENTH MAN.

There are no Southern mayor's committees. New Orleans is talking about one, but hasn't done anything. Kentucky once had a State committee appointed by the governor, but it did nothing. Maryland has a State committee, but it's no good. Gould Beach, as you doubtless know, now works in the mayor's office in Houston. We wrote him at great length a couple of months ago all about mayor's committees. The best one I know anywhere is Cincinnati, where a man named Marshall Bragdon runs it and it does a lot of good.

The truth is, instead of a mayor's committee you ought to do some kind of a survey of the Negro community, and out of doing the survey comes spontaneously the cooperative corrective effort that does all and more than a mayor's committee would. Models: Jacksonville, Greenville, Shreveport.

I don't know of any radio broadcasts that would be usable in Houston.

I am going to be in Baltimore this week and will try to reach Miss Kunreuther by phone and see if we could get something from her for NEW SOUTH.

I have not quite yet written all the letters inviting people to be on the Board, but am getting to the remaining ones within a few days. I am much helped by all your careful notes and the addresses.

Chief item of news from North Carolina. In Greensboro the Negro member of the City Council was re-elected last month. They have a city manager, and by custom, the councilman receiving the highest vote is mayor. The Negro councilman got the highest vote, but said, "Thank you very much, let somebody else be the mayor."

I hope the coming months will bring me to Houston and I can sit down with you and Mrs. Crate and really learn things about your city.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 10, 1953

The Most Reverend John J. Russell, D. D.
Bishop of Charleston
114 Broad Street,
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Bishop Russell:

The Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, at their meeting May 13, 1953, heard with appreciation an account by Mr. Paul Williams, a member of the Board, of the honor conferred upon the executive director of the Southern Regional Council at the April 24th meeting in Richmond. The Board of the Southern Regional Council, upon motion, expressed its pleasure and pride that the Council's executive director had been thus signally honored.

Respectfully,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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June 16, 1953

Mr. John S. Dudley
20 Exchange Place
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Dudley:

Our Council, accustomed to hard times, has done rather better so far this year. The Ford Foundation gave us $20,000 to keep us going for 1953, and so far as we could learn, that gift is without prejudice to whatever may be decided by the Fund for the Republic (Ford Foundation subsidiary in our field) on our major application for enough money to enable us to put paid personnel in each of the Southern States for the next five years.

But they have given us strong intimations that whatever help may be forthcoming later is most likely to be geared to what we have been able to raise independently. I hesitate to ask whether you would care to make another contribution to the Council in 1953. Your former kindness and that mighty nice luncheon which I remember in full Wall Street ought really to be aid enough! But I bring up our name again.

I wait for you to come and settle as a Carolinian again.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:ec

June 16, 1953

The National City Bank of New York
Personnel Department
55 Wall Street
New York 15, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

I knew Mr. Olaku pretty well during his last two years at Atlanta University--50-51 and 51-52. And I have seen him once or twice since he has gone up to New York.

Okaku was quite outstanding on his college campus, both among his own group of African students and among the student body in general. He has a compellingly engaging personality. Kindness, cooperativeness, sprightliness, etc.; and yet he is serious and thoughtful. Did well in his studies. Has been businesslike and enterprising in finding private employment in New York City. It is really amazing that a young fellow straight from Nigeria could make his way around so well.

I would pick him for any job he thinks he can do. Honest, competent, and a bucker-upper to any group he is with.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 16, 1953

The Most Rev. Vincent S. Waters
Bishop of Raleigh
15 N. McDowell St.
Raleigh, N. C.

My dear Bishop Waters:

I went, as arranged, on Monday, June 8, to Baltimore and talked for Mother M. Constance to the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart. They had about eighty sisters present, including the Sister Marietta, who had talked so interestingly at the CCS meeting in Richmond.

The sisters were a most appreciative and participating audience, and I was greatful for the opportunity to talk with them. Eight or ten, at least, had had a good deal of experience of Southern situations, and others were to be going South.

I am sorry the newspapers made so much of the matter at Newton Grove. I knew in my bones that you were handling it with courage, skill, and tact, and it seemed to me that that did finally shine through, even in the newspaper accounts.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 16, 1953

Dr. Wallis Beasley
Graduate School of Sociology
The State College of Washington
Pullman, Wash.

Dear Dr. Beasley:

Miss Adella Shields of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, tells me that she has applied for a fellowship or assistantship in the Graduate School of Sociology at the University of Washington.

We run, as you can see, an interracial organization within the South devoted to progress in human relations. A couple of years ago I applied to the head of the sociology department at Atlanta University for help in finding a Negro young woman who could take a part-time clerical job with our Council. He picked with care and sent us MissSShields. She served the Council for a year as its membership secretary. It was, admittedly, a clerical job--keeping accounts of our several thousand members, billing them, and keeping up with their changes of addresses. She spilled over and did miscellaneous jobs for us also. I myself, therefore, know Miss Shields' work directly only from her performance for us. It was attentive, accurate, imaginative, and speedy.

I had occasion to review this or that chapter of her thesis for her master's in sociology at Atlanta University. Seemed to me statistically correct, if dull. But then, master's theses are seldom adventure stories!

Miss Shields has an attractive personality, a gentlewoman's manners; and she is quite at home with people in general, without regard to race. Chipper, alert, well-informed, on the right side of things, but with balance and good judgment.

I think you would find her a real addition to the Department, and I suspect that she has an excellent professional career before her.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 16, 1953

Miss Doris V. Wilson
National Student YWCA
Wesley Memorial Bldg.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Miss Wilson:

I was to write you something about my workshop.

I lectured to them three days in a row the first three days, giving very little time for questions. In those three days they seemed to me good about listening, but I had the feeling that my words were sinking into foam rubber.

On the fourth day I told them I was anxious to get them to take part in a real workshop procedure, and I got them to elect hastily a chairman, and I sat with the crowd and tried merely to take part as an informed adviser to the group. That went much better, and they spoke up. Did the same thing the last day, and it also worked well.

On the first day, I made various assignments of bits of things for people to read--mostly things out of NEW SOUTH. They studied these things hard and were well prepared to make five-minute talks on them. Did what everybody does. Lost themselves in small details and didn't get the juice out. But it made it easier to tell the group the juice.

Suggestion. On a five-day workshop in the future, the teacher might well use the first two days only on laying down a heavy background of fact. About the second day he ought to get the group to elect a chairman and, say, a committee of three people from the class. And the instructor ought to meet separately with that committee for at least a few minutes on the second and third days, and later if need be, and sound out the group's ideas. And the chairman should preside at all meetings after the second meeting.

Good scheme to make assignments of work on the first day.

I thought in the end they came through very well. Peach of a group, and I thank you all for letting me be there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 17, 1953

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Marion:

I do think it's right for you to write to Chester Davis. Here are some scrappy facts.

Harold will take over on Wheeler and a problematical industrialist

I agree that your letter to Davis should touch on the by-laws amendments.

Harold will note your liking for the Southern comment on school decisions. And we will run something on the Sewanee reversal. Mighty good to see you the other day.

Important: Do please send back the May issue of ONE METHODIST VOICE. Nobody here has been able to turn up another copy!

This incoming from Galen Weaver strikes a note that may be helpful in your letter to Davis. Should be returned to our files.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

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Encl.

June 17, 1953

Dr. Kenneth L. Little
Department of Social Anthropology
University of Edinburgh
3 Buccleuch Place
Edinburgh 8
SCOTLAND

Dear Ken:

Many thanks for arranging about Miss Sheila Webster, who will be willing to talk to Morris Abram. Sounds fine, and I have so notified Morris Abram.

Things pop in our Africa, don't they!

Nicest Atlanta story since your departure: Signs (since taken down) were until a year ago up over the two drinking fountains in one of the large downtown department stores--colored--white. Two little Negro girls were playing near the drinking fountains, and one egged her friend on to take a drink out of the white fountain. She came back and said, "Don't taste no diffunt."

Success to you all.

Mosell Hill is back, with glowing accounts of you and Edinburgh and all. I haven't got to talk to him yet, but I hear.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 17, 1953

Mr. Morris B. Abram
Healey Bldg.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Morris:

I had a nice letter from my friend Kenneth Little, head of the Department of Social Anthropology at the University of Edinburgh. Says he would love to see you and will if he gets to your neighborhood or you get to his in time. But he is due to go out to West Africa for a short visit in July. However, he has passed word on to a young colleague of his in Oxford, Miss Sheila Webster. "She has recently been engaged in a study of race relations in the University and should be an ideal person for Morris Abram to meet in this connection. She has also spent some time in the United States."

Little's Edinburgh University address is 3 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh 8, and his telephone 46123 and BYPass 4722.

The "stay at a farm" booklet people sent a copy of their booklet to us here. Ah, most inviting! You are to have one waiting for you at Pembroke.

Spread my affections over our fair city.

Yours,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 17, 1953

Dr. O. D. Duncan
Department of Sociology
Oklahoma A&M College
Stillwater, Okla.

Dear Dr. Duncan:

Many thanks for your letter. We are mighty glad to have you.

I will try to remember what you say about the time of meetings. Ordinarily, they come in early November, but this was a kind of extra.

I should think if you got together a committee in Oklahoma and at least the officers of it joined the Council, that would be a beginning. There is so little I can do really to help your people. But I would like to see a really vigorous Oklahoma movement which considers itself friendly to the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 17, 1953

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Marion:

I learn, in confidence, that the Executive Committee of the Fund for the Republic is properly to be described as a loosely formed, unofficial steering committee, and is composed of Elmo Roper, Paul Hoffman, George Shuster, and Erwin Griswold.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:ec

June 18, 1953

Mr. John H. Wheeler, President
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Mr. Wright has written us that you might be willing to undertake an article for New South, depending on the deadline.

We should be delighted, of course, to have an article by you at any time you could manage it. But for this one to be most effective in the way Mr. Wright hoped, we should have it by August 1, or August 15 at the latest.

We are often guilty, I'm afraid, of asking people like yourself with heavy business and civic commitments to assume the added chore of a New South article. However, that is the only way we can get the best points-of-view before the South. Do tell us that you will take it on.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

cc: Mr. Marion A. Wright

June 23, 1953

Mr. William O. Walker, Editor
CLEVELAND CALL AND POST
Box 6237
Cleveland 1, Ohio

Dear Mr. Walker:

How extremely kind that was of you to carry the grand story June 13 about my friend Houston Johnson's effort to find his sister.

I do appreciate it greatly. I have sent the story on to Houston. Saw him yesterday, by the way, when I came through there. Doing fine, but we are having a hard time convincing the Social Security people that he's 65. They've got five different dates in the documents, besides what the neighbors say. And the government people take the oldest document instead of the word of the people that know!

I do hope that Houston's sister sees the story. Certainly, you have enabled us to take the last possible step toward finding her.

As a most minor return of your kindness, I send you a copy of our leaflet of three years or so ago. It had a remarkable effect in improving the conduct of the Southern white newspapers.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 23, 1953

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Marion:

Add to list of appointed school correspondents Miss Ruth Dreyfous, 17 Audubon Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. We hear just today from Mrs. Adler that the New Orleans Committee now has Miss Dreyfous officially.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:ec

June 24, 1953

Mr. John M. Goldsmith
Radford, Va.

Dear John:

How kind that was of you to write your nice letter of June 17. I was much honored to receive the CCS award. With everybody's labors, we may some day get the kind of South you and I would like to see.

We have no plans for printing Marion Wright's speech separately, but I am happy to send you on ten copies of the issue of NEW SOUTH which contained it.

With the warmest appreciation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 24, 1953

Sister Madeleva
St. Mary's College
Notre Dame, Ind.

Dear Sister Madeleva:

I had word the other day from His Excellency Bishop Waters that he had talked with you and with Mother Mary Rose Elisabeth about the practicability of my making for the students at the College my talk on Southern matters, which Bishop Waters very kindly praises. I have a board meeting of the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials at Chicago July 24 and 25 that I could attend, though I don't have to. That trip would easily put me at Notre Dame July 23. If it should suit you and Mother Mary Rose Elisabeth to use me that day, the two of you might agree as to proper times, and I could undertake to be available. I realize that it may be quite difficult to fit in an occasion on some particular day, such as July 23, and if some other time would be much better, I will try to work it out, though I have a pretty full schedule for the remainder of the summer.

I do not press my services upon you, but I do try to fall in with Bishop Waters' suggestions.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 24, 1953

The Most Rev. Vincent S. Waters
Bishop of Raleigh
15 North McDowell St.
Raleigh, N. C.

My dear Bishop Waters:

Warm thanks for your letter of June 22.

Mr. J. H. Wheeler told me at some meeting the other day that a three-page letter had been issued from the Diocese describing the recent pronouncement on segregation. If you could be so kind as to have a copy sent to me, I am pretty sure we would like to carry good stretches of it in an early issue of NEW SOUTH. What you have done is of the greatest moment.

There is a board meeting of something I often go to (National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials) in Chicago July 24 and 25. It would be easy for me to be at Notre Dame on Thursday, July 23, and I have written the enclosed letters to Mother Mary Rose Elisabeth and to Sister Madeleva.

On the same trip it would feasible to stop for the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, on July 22, and I have so written Sister Mary Cyril.

The Franciscan Sisters at Allegany are pretty far off my beat, and when we last corresponded with the Sisters of Providence at Terre Haute, you will remember, they spoke of having only a small number of sisters in residence. So I will put off any engagement with them until some trip brings me into their vicinity. Though if you want me to work it out, I could do so, but hardly before the autumn.

I am to be at Belmont Abbey, with the CCS planning group, for some of the latter part of August, and look forward to being, thus, all but into your diocese!

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 26, 1953

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Marion:

Some events in the great Craft controversy. Ten days or so ago, with the general conference approaching, the Bishop met with his ten district superintendents and caucused them as to a proper reply to a letter he had from Blake Craft asking for an appointment to a church that would pay a larger salary. Each man in turn said he would not put Craft in his district, but it was finally agreed that if Craft could find a church that would want him, the possibility of putting him at that church would be explored. Craft turned up one church, but, on being queried, said, "By no means." On the morning of the third day of the conference, Craft aired over the radio a lengthy legalistic wire that he had dispatched to Bishop Moore demanding an appointment to some church. There is some grounds for such a demand in the Methodist Discipline, I am told. In any case, the whole matter came up on the floor of the conference yesterday morning. I was not present, but have been given various accounts of the proceedings. Bishop Moore stated that they had explored the possibility of finding a church for Craft, but none would have him. For this reason, the conference had placed him on sabbatical leave for the coming year. This is a no-pay status, without the power to hold religious services or preach except by the consent of a district superintendent. Craft made some rebuttal, generally fairly dignified in nature, on his own behalf. Pretty soon the attached resolution was introduced and passed almost unanimously. The voting was the ministers and not the laymen, and it is conceded that Craft might have had more support among the laymen, but there was certainly only a pitifully small showing of hands on his behalf--four, five or six. And the whole body rose in spontaneous ovation to Bishop Moore at the end of his reportedly firm stand against Mr. Craft's demand.

Here are the two stories from the Atlanta Journal and the Constitution.

We propose to reproduce on a smallish sheet of paper these two newspaper stories, and have them available as the answer if the Craft matter is brought up. Further, I today went to the FBI and brought them up to date.

Mr. Marion A. Wright, June 26, 1953

Morris Abram went on June 23 to see the newly confirmed U.S. District Attorney, and Morris officially, on behalf of the Council, made a charge that Craft's paper had violated the federal statute against obscene and libelous distribution of material in the mail. The District Attorney said he would make appropriate inquiry into the statute and decisions and let us know whatever action might seem suitable.

I have also written to the post office people again and sent you a copy.

I hope that these various things are enough. I don't want to sue the man, but I do have a professional living to make as an economist, and economists who meekly allow themselves to be publicly called notorious Communist fronters have a strike or two against them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P. S. We hear also that in the final session of the conference this morning the chairman of the trustees for this building, Rev. E. G. Mackay, stated to the conference that there had been some question raised as to how they, the trustees, ran the Wesley Memorial Building, and that they wanted it understood that they had reviewed the matter of the complaints and were satisfied that the building was being properly run.

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June 26, 1953

Postmaster
Plains, Georgia

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of June 25, 1953 regarding the money order # 78,828,054 dated 6/22/53 which you say was issued from C. Z. Ballard to Sou. Regional Council and mailed from your office on June 22, 1953.

On June 23 we received from Mr. & Mrs. C. Z. Ballard one of our self-addressed envelopes containing the stub from a dues notice properly filled in with their name and address and indicating a payment for four dollars. No enclosure was in the envelope but a notation in ink and slightly blurred as though it had been wet was on the inside of the envelope to wit: "M. O. $4.00".

Thinking that the sender had merely forgotten to include the payment, I returned to him the stub (and I believe the envelope in which it came) and another self-addressed envelope so that correction might be made. Both our secretary who opens the mail and I, myself, were present when the envelope was opened and can verify that there was no money order in the envelope.

In order to help you in locating this money order I will tell you that all checks or money orders coming to the Council are deposited and endorsed for deposit with our stamp as per below. No other endorsement is ever used.

I am sorry to have cause so much trouble and trust that you and Mr. and Mrs. Ballard will be able to make satisfactory settlement. If I can be of further help, please call on me.

Very truly yours,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

June 26, 1953

Dr. P. W. Hill
Box 547
Clarksdale, Miss.

Dear Dr. Hill:

That was as kind of you as could be to send over your letter of June 18 and to order the ten copies of the June 1953 issue of NEW SOUTH. We thought Marion Wright's speech a great one too.

For the last couple of years Mr. John Long at Edwards has been chairman of the Mississippi Division of the Southern Regional Council. We like him very much in that job.

We think the next thing to be done is to start local volunteer discussion groups, composed of white and Negro citizens, who will collect the facts about the school situation in their own communities. We've got a precious few months now before the Supreme Court gives its decision, and that should be used to do all we can to get the people in the South informed of the facts and anxious to comply with whatever the Court may order.

You have been a devoted friend of this Council for years, and we are extremely grateful for your kindness and interest. Help us with the school business if you can. Mrs. Ruby Lyells at Jackson has been selected by the Mississippi Division as a volunteer person to become particularly well informed about school matters, and I expect she will be influential in getting local discussion groups going.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 29, 1953

Mr. Robert W. Wright
Associate Director
United Community Services
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Unfortunately we can give you little information regarding studies of the development of Negro hospital facilities in the South. Our organization published a survey of hospital construction under the Hill-Burton Act in May, 1948, which we are sending to you under separate cover. If any studies of expanding Negro facilities in the region have been published recently, they have not come to our attention.

We suggest that you write Dr. Charles E. Burbige, Superintendent, Freedman's Hospital, Washington, D. C. Freedman's Hospital trains a good number of the Negro hospital administrators and, we understand, has conducted surveys of Negro hospitals and hospital facilities in connection with its graduate program. Dr. Burbige would be able to guide you to what material is available.

The 1949 edition of the Journal of Negro Education Yearbook (Summer, 1949) was entirely devoted to Negro health needs and problems. Back issues of the Journal are usually available from Howard Univesity, Washington, D. C., where it is published. This issue might be helpful in terms of general background on Negro health and hospital needs.

The Hughes Spalding Pavilion of Grady Hospital, a 125-bed private Negro hospital, was opened in Atlanta last year. We are forwarding material on the Spalding Pavilion separately. You might want to correspond with Mr. Spalding, who is chairman of the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority, and sent us this material to forward.

Georgia now has 25 hospitals built under the Hill-Burton Act which have been in operation for a year or more. These hospitals provide separate facilities for Negroes and five have Negro physicians on their staffs. If you are interested in exploring Georgia's experience with the Hill-Burton Hospitals, Mr. R. C. Williams, Division of Hospital Services, Georgia Department of Public Health, Atlanta, Ga. would be the person to get in touch with.

A list of Negro hospitals under construction in the South in 1951, plus a list of Negro hospitals of 50 or more beds in the South is enclosed. (Both taken from NEGRO YEARBOOK, 1952.)

The following state medical associations have admitted Negroes to full membership: Florida, Kentucky, South Carolina and Washington, D. C. The state medical associations in Georgia and Texas admit Negroes to "scientific membership," which enables them to join the American Medical Association and attend scientific sessions sponsored by the associations.

The following county medical associations have admitted Negroes to full membership recently: Arlington County, Va.; Bibb County (Macon), Ga.; Tulsa County (Tulsa), Okla.; Charleston County (Charleston), S. C. and Pulaski County (Little Rock), Ark.

An article entitled "Professional Associations Drop the Color Bar" is also being sent separately.

If you have not gotten in touch with the U. S. Public Health Service already, Dr. Roscoe Brown of the Division of Public Health Education might be of assistance to your group.

If we can be of further help, please feel free to contact us again.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

June 29, 1953

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Marion:

We've been doing a lot of conferring on this school matter which you have helped with in putting your thought on to too.

The best we've got is a proposal on spending the rest of the summer in stimulating over the South local discussion groups. These would be small bodies of friendly persons, white and Negro, usually containing some teachers, who would talk privately about the facts and needs and possibilities of their own local school systems in the light of an impending decision from the Supreme Court. We could ply them with suitable questions to get the answers to--a sort of cut-down, limited-to-schools local survey. And we could give them out, in already published and future issues of NEW SOUTH, a good deal of background material to help in the discussions. The various State school people could be used in getting this going. We are fishing for some devices which would tie in reports from the meetings of the local discussion groups, or at least give us the names of their officers or leading participants. There is a possible membership tie-up in that, and it would enlarge, in any case, our list of people who would be helpful in times of special stress.

On present thinking, we would be devoting the remainder of the summer in NEW SOUTH, stepped-up or not, and quite probably stepped-up, to encouraging this. What do you think?

It seems to us that if we could get many scores, or even several hundred such local groups going, we would have made a significant contribution, and I should hope that responsible foundation people would see the importance of such a move.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., NE, Rm. 432
Atlanta 3, Ga.
U. S. A.
June 30, 1953

South African Institute of Race Relations
P. O. Box 97
Johannesburg
SOUTH AFRICA

Dear Sirs:

If you will be good enough to send me a copy of your pamphlet PROPOSED FEDERATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN TERRITORIES, by K. Kirkwood, that would nearly cancel out the credit of two and eight pence which you have kindly opened for me. I donate the remaining six pense to the Institute!

The pamphlet RACE: WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY? is of great interest. It is surprising how often needefor just such a statement appears hereabouts.

I am ordering herewith 75 copies. Twenty-five of these my own Council will distribute, and the others will be sent out by the Southeastern Office of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in America and by the Division of Christian Relations of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

Here is our check for $12,75 to cover the cost of the pamphlets, at a shilling each, with an extra ten shillings or so for postage.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

Same letter; Each libeled Board member.

June 30, 1953

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Here are two news stories, an editorial, and a copy of the resolution from some debate which came last Thursday morning in the meeting of the North Georgia Conference of The Methodist Church.

We are in hopes that this answer from the Methodists can be taken as sufficient reply to Mr. Craft's charges against the Council and his absurd implication of you and various other Board members in activities which Craft spoke of as "un-American."

We have, in addition, asked the U. S. District Attorney here to consider prosecution of Craft for violation of the federal statute which forbids distribution of obscene or libelous material on the cover of items sent through the U. S. mails.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encls.

June 30, 1953

Mr. Desmond Walker
General Secretary-Treasurer
United Rubber Workers of America--CIO
United Rubber Workers Bldg.
High at Mill Street
Akron 8, Ohio

Dear Mr. Walker:

How very grateful we are to the General Executive Board of the United Rubber, Cork, Linoleum and Plastic Workers of America, CIO, for their generous authorization and gift of $200 to the Southern Regional Council.

The experience at Talladega gave me a deep admiration for the Rubber Workers Union. And we are all especially appreciative of this tangible and important aid from an organization with which we share so many common purposes.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encl.

Same letter: Mr. L. D. Milton

July 1, 1953

Rev. W. H. Borders
25 Yonge St., NE
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Borders:

I have a letter today from the Doris Duke Foundation, saying definitely that when we have collected the full amount pledged for the Commission on Equal Penalties, the Foundation will send in its check for a thousand dollars.

Only three sums are now outstanding--your own kind pledge of a hundred dollars and two other similar amounts. If you can be so good as to send in your hundred, we will be extremely grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

July 1, 1953

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Marion:

This concerns an occasion when various of our school people will be at Highlander Folk School in East Tennessee, and opens the possibility of your driving over to be present with them for a day or two.

I have been a member of the Executive Committee of Highlander Folk School for a good many years. Myles Horton started it back about 1925, doing a workers education job in the South. The school was then a pioneer and has so far succeeded in engrafting workers education that the various national and international unions have taken the movement to themselves and surrounded it, union by union, with what they may consider the safeguards of their own administrative machinery. The school continues to have need for its services, but foresees a time when it should broaden its clientele to reach outside the labor movement. Many months ago Myles Horton broached this idea, and I and others urged that a first topic in such a broadened program should be the issue of the schools and the courts. Enclosed leaflet is the result.

The institute was aimed for local and higher union officers. About the time it was launched, our friend Paul Christopher was pushed up in the CIO's ranks, and as he is no longer in the direct line of authority, it has been difficult for him to deliver on his intent of seeing to it that a sufficient number of students came to the institute.

Myles called me day before yesterday in rather a hole. He had the institute set up. He had obtained money from the Field Foundation to pay scholarships. Had his leaders engaged (among them Irene Osborne, who came down for our meeting), and he then had only five students for sure. Could I help him get some people there?

I thought perhaps we could take advantage of the presence of Irene Osborne and use the institute to put our various school volunteers or their choices as deputies up there for the first week of the institute. It

wouldn't be a universally popular move, because Highlander, while never approaching the Red, has been slandered all over Tennessee and the South as, at the least, "pinko." Still, there is Osborne and a week's board and lodging and a chance for the people in our budding schools program to be together for a week and sharpen their plans.

So I called up each of our school volunteers yesterday and discussed this with them and asked that they go themselves or send somebody else that they could trust. The school is completely interracial, so there's no problem there. I think, in the end, four, five, or six of the States will send somebody up. I was authorized to undertake for Myles Horton that their stay at the school would be paid for, and all we have to do is pay the travel on our people.

Anna Green Smith will go up. Harold Fleming will be there for a day or two to pull together what the school volunteers think will be needed as a manual for the to-be-formed discussion groups. I can't be there, because I have promised that week away to an AFL institute at the University of Kentucky.

All these matters I tell you about. It would give encouragement to those of our people who go if it should be possible for you to drive over there for a day or two. The only week our people will be there is the week beginning Sunday, July 12. I admit, it's an awkward drive: into Asheville, over the hump of the Smokies, across the valley and up on to the Cumberland Plateau. Monteagle is a little over a third of the way from Chattanooga to Nashville. The school is a couple of miles from Monteagle, on the road to Tracy City, or rather, back off the road from Tracy City.

I remember about the cows and the geese and do not urge; but there it is, if you and Mrs. Wright are looking for a two-day outing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encl.

July 1, 1953

Mr. Harry V. Richardson
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Richardson:

I had a letter today from the Doris Duke Foundation, saying that they would definitely send down their thousand when we had collected the remaining pledges for the Commission on Equal Penalties. Only three sums are outstanding. Mr. Milton and Mr. Borders, and if our accounts are correct, a last fifty from you.

I have written Mr. Milton and Mr. Borders today and told them that we await only these three more amounts.

You have done so much work on the whole thing that I think it unfair to pull on you for the balance of your hundred, but nevertheless, I bring it up!

Warmly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

July 2, 1953

Dr. David Fischman
1626 Pine St.
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Dr. Fischman:

Mrs. Adler very kindly wrote me that it may be quite possible for you to go up to the small gathering at Highlander Folk School.

Highlander planned its session on the Supreme Court and the schools in complete independence of our Council. It was aimed originally for trade union leaders. For administrative reasons, it has been difficult to recruit the trade unionists as students, and I have agreed with Myles Horton at Highlander that I would suggest to various people interested in the Council's program that they be at Highlander for the first week of the institute, in order to take advantage of the presence there of various people who could be helpful in showing how to unroll and broaden the best of public opinion in the South on the question. The chief of these, I think, is Irene Osborne from the American Friends Service Committee in Washington, who has led a magnificent piece of work there in building public opinion to support changes in the schools of the District of Columbia.

A sum is available to Highlander Folk School for paying the tuition and board and lodging of students who come to the institute. And the Southern Regional Council will be happy to pay the travel expenses to Highlander and back of those related to SRC who may care to go. So if you can go up, it would be without expense to you. We can pay railroad or plane fare for yourself there and back, or if you go in your own car, six cents a mile. If Mrs. Fischman can go along with you in the car, there would be no other expense to the two of you than Mrs. Fischman's board and lodging for a week at Highlander, which I don't suppose would come to more than twelve or fifteen dollars.

Here is a leaflet about the institute at Highlander Folk School.

SRC's people will be there for only the first week, beginning Sunday, July 12. In a pinch, I suppose it would be all right to arrive earlyish on the Monday morning.

I think at least four, five, or six SRC people will be present for that first week.

Do go, and when you get back, confer at length with Mrs. Adler and Miss Dreyfous on what went forward.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

July 6, 1953

Dr. Gordon Lovejoy
Summer Session
Seminar in Intergroup Relations
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Gordon:

The people at the Kentucky State Federation of Labor in Louisville (James Wolfe and Norbert Blume, Clay 7761) tell me that my schedule for the Kentucky Labor School at Lexington for the week of July 12 through 18 is now set. I have a class every day from eight to ten, another from ten to eleven, and another from one to two. Otherwise, I'm free, excepting only that President Atwood, at Kentucky State College at Frankfort, is trying to work out an occasion when on one single day I can go over to Frankfort and meet with the Kentucky Division of the SRC. I can't know as yet what day, if any, he picks.

But you can lock a time for me by fitting it, if you can, into the Kentucky Labor School and by telephoning Atwood, satisfying yourself that the day chosen by you is not the day I've got to go to Frankfort--or at least, the hour is not the hour.

I hear our classes are to be in the Euclid Avenue Classroom Building. I don't know in what building they are going to put me to sleep.

Come around, or in some way establish communication early in the week, and I am your man for the speech-making.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

cc. — White
J. D. Dunlap

July 6, 1953

Mr. Henry M. Schmidt
First Methodist Church
Osceola Blvd. at 18th Ave.
Vero Beach, Fla.

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

My apologies for being slow in answering your good letter of June 22. We are delighted that you will have your new responsibility next year, and hope that you will let the Council be helpful to you from time to time.

The thing we think it most important to get going in the next few months is local discussion groups on the problem of the schools and whatever the Supreme Court may decide. In most towns and counties the discussion groups should be among citizens and parents, drawn from both races. Ten or a dozen people meeting together from time to time and working out the answers to questions about the number of pupils in their community of each race; condition of school buildings; number of teachers; cost of equalization; possibilities of action, gradual or speedy, if the Supreme Court should require an end to school segregation; and cost and procedures if the Supreme Court merely requires material equalization.

Such a movement ought to have a place among high school and college students. Perhaps when you get here we could work together on ways to develop future interest in that problem by the social action group at Emory.

John Griffin and I are the best of friends, and I am sure there are many ways we can work together.

I send you the last several issues of the Council's small magazine.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

July 6, 1953

Mr. George J. Hecht, Chairman
The American Parents Committee
52 Vanderbilt Ave.
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Hecht:

Apologies for being slow in answering your letter of June 3.

I do not happen to know of any citizens groups who are studying the problems you raise. I get the bulletin from the National Citizens Commission for the Public Schools, and they show some activity in Tennessee, Kentucky, and Texas, but I don't know at all whether they interest themselves in the problem of federal aid.

My own opinion is that the action of the Supreme Court, when it comes, on the segregation cases is going to make necessary a very substantial program of federal aid to school building. When the time comes, I should suppose that Southern Senators and Congressmen would put up such a demand for federal aid that they would get it. The more so, as Eisenhower in the campaign, to my mind, foreshadowed some such appropriation.

We are busying ourselves just now to get started local discussion groups on the issues bound to arise from the Supreme Court decision, and of course, out of them will come some citizen pressure for federal aid.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

July 7, 1953

PERSONAL

Richard K. Bennett, Secretary
Community Relations Committee
American Friends Service Committee
20 S. 12th St.
Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Dear Dick:

At a Board meeting of Highlander Folk School sometime last fall Myles Horton raised the question of getting the school somewhat out from its role as exclusively aworkers' education center and broadening its activities to include other groups in the Southern population and other issues than just labor issues. Looked at over a long period of time, what is happening is this: Highlander was one of the first promoters of workers' education in the South. In twenty years' time the various national and international unions have taken workers' education into their own administrative organisation, which process narrows the field for a workers' education effort that reaches across all the unions and all the Southern States. My own analogy is what happened to the first all-Southern assembly ground for church groups, which was started at Blue Ridge in 1912. For years each of the leading denominations used Blue Ridge as a conference spot. Perceiving that that was a good idea, each denomination in turn built its own. Ridgecrest for the Baptists, Junaluska for the Methodists, Montreat for the Presbyterians, Kanuga for the Episcopalians, and more lately even some of the smaller denominations are doing the same thing. Blue Ridge continues, but it does so by dint of broadening its list of conference groups and topics. As with the churches, so with the unions. Each has its own interest in surrounding workers' education with full and friendly understanding of the administrative problems of each union.

At the meeting in question it was agreed that early in 1953 a special Board meeting should be called to go further into that idea. I went to that meeting also, and with the others, urged that Highlander try this summer an experimental institute in some topic in which labor would still have an interest but which would not be an exclusively labor subject. We settled on the matter of the Supreme Court and the schools. Labor's attitude in

this question in the South will be of great importance.

The original intent was to bring in a body of carefully selected and rather important labor union officials who would, in a three weeks' institute, explore the whole question about the pending decision. No sooner had the institute been arranged for than administrative reorganizations within the CIO made it difficult for some of those who had urged the institute to be sure of getting the labor students there. Merely a matter of the interested people being no longer in the direct line of authority and able to arrange such short-run absences from regular duties. Wherefore, Myles called me the other day in some distress and asked that I give him any help I could on finding additional students for the institute.

I have the same problem that you have of not relating the Southern Regional Council and Highlander Folk School intimately, as the two organizations have had quite different constituencies. None the less, I did some phoning around and I think arranged for seven or eight people interested in the Council's program in various Southern States to be present. I must say, the main reason I wanted my people there (and there for the first week for which I am getting them) was that Irene Osborne would be present and my people could be taught by her.

As to whether Highlander is Red or not, the answer is definitely, no. Shortly after CIO's purge of all of the Red-led unions in the CIO, the Education Department of CIO took up seriously the problem of the future use and relationship with Highlander. A statement of Highlander's principles was worked out and approved by the Education Department of CIO and officially adopted by the Executive Committee, which controls the school. I have forgotten the exact language, but the statement opposes totalitarianism, whether from the left or from the right, and defines the school's goal as democracy. I do not think Highlander has ever had any real links with the Communist movement. The school was fussed at, and still is, by the KNOXVILLE JOURNAL and still is criticized, I believe, by the CHATTANOOGA FREE PRESS. But the constitution of the school came to a head years and years ago, and the school won by showing that it had the warm support of the great majority of the county it is in. And such criticism as has come along in later years has been mutterings, rather than shrieks. I must say, in all frankness, that the school retains on its Executive Committee one member who is an official of the Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers Union--a union which was purged from the CIO and is generally regarded as having considerable Communist influence in it. The Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers in previous decades sent numbers of students to the school. The union is fifty per cent or more Negro, and no one supposes that its mass membership is touched by Communist philosophy at all. The link with Mine, Mill, and Smelter students is so old in the school's history that none of us had quite the heart to throw off the Board the one surviving Mine, Mill official.

For four or five years now, perhaps longer, a special committee of the Executive Committee, composed of Aubrey Williams, Paul Christopher, and myself, has had the final say on all staff personnel recruited by the

school, and that sub-committee has been exceedingly careful to see to it that the whole staff of the school is without any Communist connections.

Myles is no Communist, but I must say, he is not inclined to be vindictive toward people sincerely interested in labor progress who have, at one time or another, had some slight link with the Communist movement.

I arranged with Myles when I undertook to get some of my people up there that the school was to issue no publicity on the attendance of SRC people. I think it would be well if you wrote him yourself that, while AFSC is happy to send Irene Osborne to the institute, it does not wish publicity to be released bringing in AFSC's name. If you want to telephone Myles, the number is Monteagle 164, and Monteagle is reached through the Winchester, Tennessee, exchange.

The problem you raise in the letter is a problem I fully understand and sympathize with. My experience with Myles has taught me that he is generally trustworthy on his commitments and that he will work it out as you wish if he clearly understands.

I appreciate your writing me, and I am glad to tell you what I know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

July 7, 1953

Dr. Raymond Paty
c/o T. V. A.
Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Paty:

The president of our Council is Marion A. Wright, a graduate of the University of South Carolina who practiced law for some decades in Conway and now, in (early) retirement, lives at Linville Falls, North Carolina. He is anxious, properly, for NEW SOUTH to run a couple of articles pointing out the economic and industrial argument for a voluntary practice of increased use of Negroes at their highest skills. Mr. John H. Wheeler, of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank in North Carolina, has agreed to do one. On careful inquiry, we have thought that the best individual to do the other would be Mr. Ed Norton of Birmingham.

I don't know Mr. Norton, and suppose that we would have more success in drawing the article from him if we were in some way introduced to him.

You know about us, and we are told you are a friend of Mr. Norton's. Would you be willing to drop Mr. Norton a note saying that you do know us and that we have some reputation and place in these matters in the South? If and when we hear from you that you have written him the note, we will then approach him with further details of the sort of thing we hope he will be good enough to write. I would send Harold Fleming, who edits NEW SOUTH, over to Birmingham to talk with Mr. Norton.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

July 7, 1953

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Marion:

I had begun to send out the reprint of the newspaper stories on the Blake Craft business. My list was (a) the Executive Committee, and (b) those persons who were members of the Board of Directors in, say, April '53 and were libeled.

Following the suggestion in your letter, we have sent out the attached letter and the leaflet and the resolution to the other persons who were members of the Board in April '53 and to those thirty-odd people who have accepted membership on the new Board.

You thought we ought, in courtesy, to send it also to the libeled former members of the Board. I've got a problem of knowing the addresses. Most of them I don't know a current address for at all. So, unless you think strongly about that part of it, I will just not send it to anybody who has been off the Board several years.

We've had one letter from the district attorney saying that there are some federal cases that hold against our idea of a prosecution of a mailed newspaper libel, but the matters have never been ruled on by the Supreme Court. He raises the question of whether it would be wise for the Justice Department to clarify the law by letting this case go on up to the Supreme Court. I have merely asked Leonard Haas for advice, and Leonard is not yet back.

I hope that the action of the Methodist Church closes the deal.

In re finance committee--I am guilty. I just haven't put my mind to it. Seems to me we need to sit down and talk about it. There's also the membership thing too, which I am allowing to drag. I will try to get to both, but K keep so blooming busy running around to meetings that I don't do what I ought to. Meanwhile, if you get any notions of how we can proceed, say so.

Mr. Marion A. Wright, July 7, 1953

I welcome your letters to Strauss and Mrs. Cone and to Mr. Solomon.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

July 7, 1953

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tenn.

Dear Myles:

Some news trickles in about people who are or may be coming to the Highlander institute for the first week.

Rev. W. Carroll Brooke, rector of Trinity Church, Staunton, Virginia, is coming with his wife. He understands that the scholarship covers only himself and his travel there and back, but he wants to take his wife along for the trip. I don't know what your arrangements are for marrieds. Accomodate her with him if you can. If you can't, you might steer them to the tourist court at Monteagle. He is an important person in these matters in Virginia, being chairman of the committee of the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Virginia Council of Churches, which committee has the responsibility for either doing the schools business or picking somebody else to do it under its direction. Good egg.

Earle Britton of South Carolina was asked by Howard McGlain to go on behalf of McGlain. Says he may get up there for three or four days. Also from South Carolina, Mrs. Helen Bass, 1240 Heidt Street, Columbia. Health educator. Works with State TB Association. Negro.

Giffen of Kentucky is not coming, but is working with Atwood at Kentucky State College to find somebody else to go.

From New Orleans Rabbi David Fischman and perhaps his wife. Same remarks as on Carroll Brooke.

From Atlanta Anna Greene Smith. Harold Fleming will come up for the Thursday or Friday, as A.G.S. notifies him.

Mrs. Sue Crank from Atlanta is coming. She's a Negro volunteer who has been working with us from time to time. A real expert on adult education.

Guy Johnson is trying to send somebody from North Carolina. I doubt that anybody from Tennessee will show, though I notified Puckett to notify Mynders.

I have never established communication with Arkansas or Alabama, though I've tried. Wrote Texas, and Texas may act, but I doubt it.

I've left Florida alone, for various internal reasons.

As for me, I just don't know when I am going to get there, if I do at all. I have promised to go north for the 22nd and 23rd and 24th and 25th, and that about kills my travel for the time of the institute.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

July 8, 1953

Miss Margaret Garrity
National Catholic Welfare Conference
Department of Social Action
1312 Massachusetts Ave., NW
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Margaret:

Many thanks for keeping alive the project that I like.

My friend who was originally concerned was Mrs. Adele Ford Boke. She has a job with the TCA or MSA, I never know which. Best telephone number I have for her is Republic 7-7435, branch 6652. Lives at Bethesda, Oliver 4-3833. Do, the two of you to to lunch together some day and talk about it, and I am sure sparks will be struck. She knows a lot about government personnel. Southern and white (South Carolina) and thoughtful and perceiving on the particular problem of integrating Negro personnel into the government.

Kack Stoney will hold off her blows until a later time!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

July 8, 1953

Mrs. W. F. Boke
4557 Windsor Lane
Bethesda, Md.

Dear Adele:

Months ago when you talked about the problem of some kind of training course for Negro or white personnel newly coming into the government, I discussed the idea with Margaret Garrity, who does the race relations work for the National Catholic Welfare Conference. Shades of Father O'Grady!

Margaret is a good egg and wants to take hold with the idea. Needs some more background discussion. I have written her that you were my original source of the notion, and have given her your office phone and home phone and suggested that she have lunch with you some day.

You would like her, and she can get things done.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

July 21, '53

Dear Dr. Hancock,

I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me Father's letter. His far-seeing courage is badly needed to-day. I send the letter back; it belongs with the things that relate to you and to Virginia.

We are off after a new scheme; local discussion groups, formed by people of both races, interested in what the Court's ultimate decision will mean. We will be getting out some manuals to guide such groups, and hope that we can get them started in a great many places. The first small knot of people in each county and town who come together, find the facts, and make friends in doing so, will set opinion in that place when the time comes for action.

Warmly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

July 21, '53

Dear Father Lawrence,

How very kind that was of you to write! I deeply appreciate the honor the CCS gave me; the more so as it was a crowning occasion among many experiences this job, and Paul Williams and all of you in the Church have opened to me. I am still on my rounds for Bishop Waters, and indeed go tomorrow with the one speech to the Sisters of Charity near Pittsburgh and to Notre Dame next day, on the way to Chicago.

Everywhere I go down here I find friends of the Trinitarian Fathers, and it is much of an honor to be able to say that I was at Silver Spring, and spent an evening with your group. I still haven't found my way to the mission Southwest of Columbus, but will turn up there some day.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

July 24, 1953

Mrs. Sarah P. Boyle
Box 1183 University Station
Charlottesville, Va.

Dear Mrs. Boyle:

We are very glad to give what help we can in your latest project.

The enclosed copy of NEW SOUTH reports briefly on a survey of Southern newspaper practices regarding the Negro and news conducted by Robert W. Brown, editor of the COLUMBUS (Ga.) LEDGER. Brown's full report appeared in EDITOR AND PUBLISHER, December 13, 1952 under the title "Newspapers of Deep South Liberalize Negro Policies."

The EDITOR AND PUBLISHER article contains excellent material for your undertaking. Brown gives details on handling of race in the news in a number of Southern papers and quotes responses from several Southern editors. Unfortunately we have only one file copy.

Attached is a list of Southern newspapers using courtesy titles, drawn from our clip files and the EDITOR AND PUBLISHER article. It is by no means a complete list.

See Hodding Carter's new book WHERE MAIN STREET MEETS THE RIVER (New York: Rinehart & Co., 1953) for an account of his initial introduction of courtesy titles (Chapter 20, "Mrs. Means Married Woman").

Too bad the Readers Digest didn't come through. We had all seen the CHRISTIAN CENTURY article and appreciate another copy for the files.

Do keep us in mind for an account of your strategy if--as it surely will--it proves successful.

With best wishes, and with thanks for your enclosed contribution,

Sincerely,

Anna Holden, Research Assistant

July 28, 1953

Mrs. Milton P. Adler
61 Versailles Blvd.
New Orleans, La.

Dear Tommie:

I assume Mrs. Tilly is coming on the overnight train, which gets to New Orleans about 10:30 in the morning as I remember. She says she will stay at the St. Charles. I will ask her to call you almost as soon as she arrives.

She expects to stay in New Orleans the 8th, 9th, 10th and, I suppose, the 11th of September. Goes on to Little Rock sometime during that weekend.

It will be enough if you can get some of the New Orleans people together for her. I recognize that it is really Father Twomey's business to do the State thing, but Twomey is traveling until September 7. Anyway, whatever is to be done with New Orleans could be communicated to the State people. Only thing is that if Twomey were to be available, it would be a good time to get a meeting of the State group and get it going again.

I hear that Rabbi Fichman was a great addition to the Tennessee meeting.

The Ford Foundation's Fund for the Advancement of Education has financed a quickie study, proceeding under the suzerainty of Harry Ashmore of the Arkansas Gazette, of the facts about Southern school systems. Supposed to be done by September 30. Agreed all around that it is a short-term, one-time, hurry-hurry job. It is expected to end in a statement by a body of distinguished white Southerners, urging the South to regard the facts and be calm and obey the law, whatever.

When I first heard rumors of it, I was worried lest it stand in the way of our application to the Fund for the Republic, but I am assured and reassured that that is not the case. The Fund for the Advancement of Education is to advance the facts, and if the Fund for the Republic finances us, we are to spread the facts locally and press for helpful local action

in obeying the courts and in integration, if and when. That fits in beautifully with our discussion group program, which Rabbi Fichman understands. So the next thing is all steam out for discussion groups.

I was at a Board meeting in Chicago the other day and had lunch with Helen Schwartz, and we had a good time reviewing New Orleans matters. She was delighted to know of your toils.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

July 29, 1953

Miss Grace P. Hooks
2907 Griffin Ave.
Richmond, Va.

Dear Grace:

I'm sending you separately a packet of things about the Southern Regional Council. Do join us and get some of your friends to join us. There's a membership blank on the back of "What Kind of South Do You Want?"

The central office here in Atlanta serves mainly as an information center and co-ordinating agency. We have to depend on our members in the State organizations to initiate local action programs. In most States there is a State Division of the SRC, but in Virginia we work through the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Virginia Council of Churches. The director of that is Emerson Smith, 109 W. Grace St., Rm. 202, Richmond. The chairman is Carroll Brooke, pastor of Trinity Episcopal Church in Staunton. Mr. Brooke and a small committee are keeping us posted on the school situation in Virginia and are attempting to start in various communities over the State discussion groups of white and Negro citizens who will plan for bringing their communities around to obeying the Supreme Court decision, whatever that may be.

The Fellowship of the Concerned is a good thing that was Mrs. Tilly's brainstorm. She works part-time for us and runs the Georgia Interracial Committee. Women who go and sit in the courts get concerned about all sorts of things not directly related to race, such as juvenile delinquency, bad housing, and alchoholism.

Here is a list of our Richmond members, in case you know some of them:

Dr. Theodore F. Adams	Wilson M. Brown	J. Levering Evans
Wayne Batty	Reuben Clay	Gordon B. Hancock
Ida Bilger	Virginius Dabney	Ruth B. Hawes
H. H. Bozeman	J. M. Ellison	Dr. Rachel Henderlite
Dr. & Mrs. Dilworth Lupton	J. H. Hodges	Mrs. Julia Hill
	Henry McGuinn	David C. Morton

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Rev. T. E. O'Connell
Clarence T. Rives
Ruth D. See
A. Brooke Smith
Emerson Smith
Dr. & Mrs. W. Taliaferro Thompson
Rev. Henry St. George Tucker
Paul D. Williams
Rev. John L. Fairly
Theodore Freedman
John S. McMullen
W. M. Thompson
Reuben Alley
Aubrey N. Brown
Dr. Garis T. Long
Irving May
John N. Wessells

Anything else you want to know about the Council just write and ask me. I think you'll get a good bit of information from the pamphlets if you can find time to wade through them.

I enjoyed knowing you this summer and hope our paths will cross again. Your sense of humor was a particular inspiration to me, and I'm struggling to develop one myself, to offset my tendency toward a persecution complex. Looks as tho I'll be at Pendle Hill this fall if I can find my boss here another secretary. What fun I'll have getting up every morning at 6:00 to dig in the garden!

Sincerely,

Emily Calhoun

July 29, 1953

Dryden L. Phelps
1800 Thousand Oaks Boulevard
Berkeley 7, Calif.

Dear Dryden:

I'm a little hazy at this point as to just what else you wanted to know about the Southern Regional Council. I'm sending you a packet of things that may help.

Our main project at present is concerned with the school segregation question. We're trying to get the various State Divisions to form discussion groups in local communities (people of both races), to consider ways of influencing public opinion within the community to accept the Supreme Court decision, whatever that may be. We collect information from our thirteen states about school segregation and public opinion and send out a newsletter, so people interested in this matter can keep up with what people in other states are doing.

The Fellowship of the Concerned was the brain child of Mrs. Tilly, who works for us and runs the Georgia Interracial Committee, and activates the consciences of Methodist ladies all over the South to work for worthy causes. By sitting in on the courts, they become concerned with all sorts of things not directly related to race--juvenile delinquency, housing, and alchoholism. She hopes to put them to work soon contacting local voting officials in Southern communities where Negroes are discouraged from voting.

Community self-surveys work wonders where they have been done. We have had orders from all over the country for our manual telling people how to do it.

I find that we have several members in Los Angeles (that is where you're going, isn't it?) and one in Berkeley, who would probably be glad to give you the low-down about us. They are:

Cy W. Record, Dept. of Sociology, Rm. 23, Wheeler Hall, Berkeley. (Strangely enough, we don't have the title of the university listed, but he gets his mail at that address.)

Wesley Brasier, 2510 S. Central Ave., Los Angeles. (I think he's an Urban League man.)

Olive M. Stone, Dept. of Social Welfare, University of California, Los Angeles

Milton A. Senn, Anti-Defamation League, 590 N. Vermont Ave, Los Angeles

Leonard M. Sperry, 29 Oakmont Dr., Los Angeles

If any of your church members move to this part of the world, be sure to put them in touch with us. And if there's anything else you want to know about SRC, write and ask me.

I will always remember you as the man during whose lectures it was hardest to go to sleep. It was most interesting to hear about specific changes that are taking place in China. If you ever get tired of preaching, you might take on the job of giving dancing lessons to prospective Baptist ministers! Beth, of somebody, told me you remarked that I was "pretty frisky." Thanks for the compliment!

Looks like I'll be back at Pendle Hill this fall, typing John Hobart's letters and getting expert instruction in farming from Lee Stern, if I can find a secretary for my present boss.

The Pendle Hillers gave us a rousing send-off in the middle of a deluge of rain. Everybody had told everybody else good-bye, and I was about to cry at the thought of never seeing anybody again, when Will Kysekla had the happy inspiration of kissing all the girls good-bye. By the time he and Dan got through with that, the train had come, and we went off in high spirits.

Best of luck with your interdenominational church.

Sincerely,

Emily Calhoun

July 31, 1953

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Marion:

Many thanks for divers matters of July 23.

I will set up Harry Straus for a tickler late in 1954, and we can go after him again.

I perceive the same thing that you do--that the emergency correspondence with Chester Davis will ultimately do good.

The quickie study that the Fund for the Advancement of Education is doing proceeds under our friend Phil Hammer and with help from John Griffin at Emory. We've had long talks with Phil Hammer. The Council will have some role to play in assisting and getting critical review by informed Negro persons of the material coming in from the various States as to the school situation.

We tried to put into the July NEW SOUTH some more editorial comment from the various papers. Harold tells me that the stream of such comment is thin and irregular. When something happens, the papers come out with opinions, but they all succumb to the daily temptation to be silent on an approaching problem. We feel some obligation just now to have NEW SOUTH for a single issue, at any rate, get off the track of the schools and take up some more general matter, lest we become thought of as merely a desegregation-the-schools agency. So we're trying for an August issue that is more general, and then we can come back in September with the schools again. I need more conversation with you on the proposal to get the maggie out every couple of weeks. It's a good deal of a business for Harold to get it out once a month, though it may not seem so. And right now I have got him working hard on preparing three leaflets for the discussion groups.

I am at peace about continuing to ignore the man Craft. I did request Dr. Edward Mackay to consider making some answer in the paper or in the Methodist Advocate specifically on the matter of SRC. I haven't had a chance

to check back with Mackay, but I think he will probably put something in the Methodist Advocate at some soonish date.

You keep after Mrs. Cone. I believe that one will work.

I owe you a serious letter on the matter of a finance committee and a report on progress in constructing the new Board. Will do, but not quite yet. At a guess, I would say the Board is a little better than half built. Probably three-fourths of those we have asked to come on have accepted.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P. S. I begin to think that within the next six weeks you ought to be going to New York to stir the Fund for the Republic into activity.

PPS. Simultaneously, I perceive that the new Reece investigating committee is most likely to hold up the works. For shame that the man could get his resolution through! I have sent for the full debate in the Congressional Record for that day, and will send it to you as soon as I can get it. An altogether silly performance by Reece. Silly, but dangerous. You know, I doubt whether anything is going to turn the tide on these boys except a serious fall-off in business. If the public can once identify McCarthyism with bad times, things may change. But that's a hard commentary on the world and the U. S.

G. S. M.

July 30, 1953

Mr. Carter Wesley
Box 3086
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

Here is the December, 1952, issue. The account of the Government brief begins near the end of page 4.

We are deeply grateful for your kind words about these recent issues of NEW SOUTH on the matter of the Court and the schools. There is a vast amount of education to be done on white people in the South. They hear about the whole business only in fits and starts, and hardly anybody offers any serious thought.

The thing we are pushing right now is local discussion groups. We are straining to get out three leaflets which will review the whole question, particularly as it relates to the suits before the Supreme Court. One leaflet will steer a local group toward the questions it will need answers to in building up the facts about white and Negro schools in its community. Then we believe that we can get scores or even hundreds of local bi-racial discussion meetings. Thus far, the whole controversy has been kept in the hands of State school superintendents and governors and a few political figures. We would like to get knowledge of it down to the people. And we think that the people will be more generous than the politicians.

I have been writing to Mrs. Crate about this, and I do hope you will add your invluence in moving the Texas Commission toward action with a discussion group program.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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July 31, 1953

Hon. Brooks Hays of Arkansas
United States Capitol
Washington, D. C.

Dear Brooks or Secretary:

I went over to the library yesterday and read the debate on Carroll Reece's motion. My much pleasure for your warm and strong defense of what was right. What a misery that they were all determined to go the other way!

Request. Can somebody in your office dig up two copies of the issue of the Congressional Record having the debate in it and send the two copies to me? The issue is designated on the front as "Daily Issues of July 25 and July 27, 1953 (Numbers 140 and 141) Combined. 83rd Congress, First Session."

I lived for years in stacks of the Congressional Record, and here I want two copies and can't find them!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

August 3, 1953

Mrs. Mildred H. Mahoney
Massachusetts Fair Employment Practice Commission
41 Tremont St.
Boston 8, Mass.

Dear Mildred:

Will Maslow put on me the job of collecting the dope for that portion of NAIRO's Commission on Civil Rights relating to "violence and vandalism." I have got one or two other people on the subcommittee with me, and we are trying to get the picture together. Concern is with 1952 and 1953 primarily, but we need, necessarily, some indication of how the more recent events fit into a longrun trend. We have the picture on the South. We don't know a thing about what has happened in the East. According to the letterhead, you are the regional chairman for that area.

Can you find time to write me quite soon about what's been happening in that general area? I am not one of these people that puts in a five-page outline of things to be answered. I am sure you understand what "violence and vandalism" is and will know how it stands in your part of the world.

I would rather have a simple letter from you telling me what you know and think than a whole lot of clippings and snibbets, the importance of which I am not in position to judge. Do you have a lot, do you have a little? Is it getting worse, is it getting better? What kind of civil rights violation in this field has been occurring or has been conspicuously not occurring?

Warm appreciation if you will sit down and write me what you know and hear.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:oo

August 3, 1953

Miss Virginia Huebner
Wisconsin Industrial Commission
794 N. Jefferson Ave.
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Virginia:

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Can you find time to write me quite soon about what's been happening in that general area? I am not one of these people that puts in a five-page outline of things to be answered. I am sure you understand what "violence and vandalism" is and will know how it stands in your part of the world.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ee

August 3, 1953

Miss Louise P. Blackham
Civic Unity Committee
417 E. Pine Bldg.
Seattle 22, Wash.

Dear Miss Blackham:

Will Maslow put on me the job of collecting the dope for that portion of NAIRO's Commission on Civil Rights relating to"violence and vandalism." I have got one or two other people on the subcommittee with me, and we are trying to get the picture together. Concern is with 1952 and 1953 primarily, but we need, necessarily, some indication of how the more recent events fit into a longrun trend. We have the picture on the South. We don't know a thing about what has happened West and Northwest. According to the letterhead, you are the regional chairman for the West.

Can you find time to write me quite soon about what's been happening in that general area? I am not one of these people that puts in a five-page outline of things to be answered. I am sure you understand what "violence and vandalism" is and will know how it stands in your part of the world.

I would rather have a simple letter from you telling me what you know and think than a whole lot of clippings and snibbets, the importance of which I am not in position to judge. Do you have a lot, do you have a little? Is it getting worse, is it getting better? What kind of civil rights violation in this field has been occurring or has been conspicuously not occurring?

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George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:oo

August 3, 1953

Mr. C. Emerson Smith, Director
Department of Christian Social Relations
Virginia Council of Churches
109 W. Grace St., Rm. 202
Richmond 20, Va.

Dear Emerson:

We have talked a good deal about the two excellent suggestions in your letter of July 13.

AMERICA'S TENTH MAN was the outcome, I think, of conferences Mr. Eleazer held in the late '30's on education and race relations. It must have been the outgrowth of requests in those meetings for a history of Negro matters. It has been a popular pamphlet, though we have not done much to push it with the teachers. It was revised by the Council in 1946, but, to my mind, not sufficiently revised to make it of maximum use in the present situation. And I have personally never liked the format of it very much. We have put down on the books a new revision, and when we can possibly get to it, we will work at it.

I have long agreed with you that one of the most important things to be done is to train the teachers and, therefore, children in some respect for the struggle of the Negro people. Meanwhile, if more copies of AMERICA'S TENTH MAN can be useful to you, let us know. We still have hundreds and hundreds of copies and could gladly let you have them for little or nothing.

Ditto on the film strip idea. We like it, and when we can get out of the present press, we will try to do something on it. Somebody else is trying one now, but I think it is likely to be more advanced than it should be for greatest usefulness.

I do wish you and I were physically closer together and could sit down on the good things to do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ee

August 3, 1953

Mrs. Georgea T. Furst
The Doris Duke Foundation
41 E. 57th St.
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Furst:

I have not yet replied to your heart-warming letter of June 29, because I have been hoping each day to snuggle in the last few dollars. It's now all in but a hundred dollars from Wheat Street Baptist Church in Atlanta and fifty dollars from Mr. Harry Richardson. Some day I will get those in and claim!

We have already begun the business of picking the people whom we will ask to be on the Commission.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

August 7, 1953

Dr. Forrest LaViolette
Dept. of Sociology & Anthropology
History Bldg.
Tulane University
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Forrest:

Good scheme, and fits in neatly. I guess we are both supposed to be there for supper on Tuesday, August 18. I go on from there next day to Gastonia for something I have got to do there.

It is pretty much an all-day run from here to Asheville in my car. So if you will take the overnight train from New Orleans, leaving there the night of the 17th, we can leave about 9:00 or 10:00 in the morning of the 18th and make it agreeably.

For purposes of our connection in Atlanta, here is my home telephone number and the office one. Home: DEarborn 5961. 906 Lullwater Road, N.E. That's Druid Hills. Office: WAlnut 1821. 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.

If your train from New Orleans puts you in at anything like breakfast time, take a cab on out to my house, and we'll have breakfast together and leave from there. If it doesn't get in till along toward 10:00, you can call from the station, and I will bring the car on over the five or six blocks from the office and will pick you up, and we can leave from the station.

I look forward a lot to the ride up there. I'll take you a back road through some new country.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

August 11, 1953

Dr. H. Councill Trenholm
P. O. Box 271
Montgomery 1, Ala.

Dear Dr. Trenholm:

I am involved only incidentally in the matter about which Mr. Harper telephoned you. The Fund for the Advancement of Education of the Ford Foundation is currently carrying out a large-scale research program on the status of the segregated school systems, the likely effects of the various possible Supreme Court decisions, and the prospects for integration generally. Naturally, in such a study they would want the thinking of the State Negro teachers' associations and the American Teachers Association as a whole. Doubtless, you will be hearing in a few days from Mr. Philip Hammer, director of the project, or one of his associates. This project, I might add, is independent of the Southern Regional Council, though we see it as a valuable one, and are cooperating with Mr. Hammer and his staff.

I deeply appreciated the opportunity to share in the meeting at Orangeburg. The State association officers were most encouraging about the possibility of the Council's securing some additional financial support from them for its schools program. They asked that we submit a request for such aid to them in writing. Enclosed is a copy of the letter which we will be sending to each of the State association secretaries.

We hope that you will think well of this effort and will use your good influence on behalf of the Council.

With all good wishes from Dr. Mitchell as well as myself,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

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Encl.

Sent to various Episcopal Bishops in the South.

August 12, 1953

Rt. Rev. D. M. Gray D. D.
Box 953
Jackson, Miss.

Dear Bishop Gray:

Our Council lately obtained a small supply of copies of this quite interesting pamphlet from South Africa.

You will see that it was prepared under the presidency of the Archbishop of Cape Town.

It is surprising to see how often here in the South the old twisted Bible arguments on racial separateness still pop up.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encl.

August 12, 1953

Miss Sarah B. Holland
Order Librarian
Howard Tilton Memorial Library
Tulane University
New Orleans, La.

Dear Miss Holland:

I am writing to you again regarding your subscription to our publication NEW SOUTH.

In your note to us, sent March 21, you said that your subscription for 1953 was renewed through the NEW ORLEANS NEWS CO. and should have been paid by them before the end of 1952. On April 27th we received a letter from Miss Joan Trosclais of the New Orleans News Co. saying that their New York office had sent the subscription and remittance to 75 Third St., NW, Atlanta. Since the letter never reached us I tried to locate this address for information and found it is a business building called "Southern Building" because a number of commerical enterprizes bearing the name "Southern" are located there. This remittance was supposed to have been sent shortly after November 13, 1952, there were about a dozen businesses at the 3rd. St. address and I thought it would be impossible to trace the letter there and that it should have been returned to the New York office of the News Co. unclaimed. I sent this information to Miss Trosclais on April 27th but to date have had no reply from her and no payment. We have continued your subscription, but would very much appreciate your help in collecting payment for same. Our address is on this letterhead. If they paid by check, as I suppose they did, the endorsement can be traced (if the check has been cleared).

We shall appreciate any help you can give us and assure you that we will give our cooperation in continuing your subscription until you have time to straighten out the matter.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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August 18, 1953

Mr. George A. Longe
The Louisiana Colored Teachers Association
1625 Milton St.
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mr. Long:

You may recall that Harold Fleming, of our staff, was present at the convention of the American Teachers Association held at Orangeburg in July. The convention passed the following resolution:

> "We commend the Southern Regional Council for its revitalized program designed for local-level acceptance of the practice of integration, and we urge that organizations, schools and teachers make increasing use of the informative materials being made available by this organization."

This is a request to The Louisiana Colored Teachers Association for assistance, in money and cooperation, to make this program effective.

The aim of this special project is to build public acceptance of the Supreme Court's forthcoming decision in the public school segregation cases. The Council now has in most Southern States a "school volunteer" togather the facts about the educational systems of their States and make them available to agencies and individuals.

The main function of these key persons will be to promote interracial discussion groups in as many communities as possible. Out of such discussions should come understanding of present educational inequalities, the background of the court cases, and plans for encouraging compliance with whatever decision the Supreme Court ultimately renders.

The Council is preparing three basic publications for use in this project: (1) a clear, simple leaflet, in question-and-answer form, setting forth the history of discrimination and legal action leading up to the cases now before the Supreme Court; (2) suggestions for organizing community action to implement the Supreme Court's ruling; and (3) a self-survey questionnaire which local groups, representing both races, can use to get the facts about their school systems.

This is an immediate project which is being put into effect as speedily as possible. It is hoped that it will pave the way for a longer range follow-up program. Contingent on securing the necessary funds, the Council's aim is to place paid staff, white and Negro, in each Southern State. Among their first duties would be the establishment of citizen boards in all the Southern States, roughly paralleling the State boards of education. The difference would lie in the fact that the citizen boards would be fully representative of both races and, freed of political restraints, could furnish the public with impartial facts in the public schools controversy. Until such time as Negroes are included on the official policy-making bodies, this seems to the Council a vital need in the public life of the States.

If The Louisiana Colored Teachers Association will appropriate $500 for this Southern Regional Council project, we can, with your further personal help, unroll it in your State. It will not be necessary to make the whole sum immediately available in cash, because we hope that a portion of it could be used to purchase a supply of the leaflets for use by your Association. But approximately $300 ought to come to the Council when and if your Board will approve. We would undertake to use the proceeds solely for the advancement of the school project, which, even in its present form, is costing us somewhere around $800 a month.

I am satisfied that, in return for the appropriation from The Louisiana Colored Teachers Association, the Council can obtain a very considerable increase in understanding and sympathy on the whole issue. That seems to us the Number One problem in the South today. We most earnestly ask your Board to look favorably on this opportunity for a constructive, cooperative step in the South today.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

August 13, 1953

Mr. Walker E. Solomon
The Palmetto State Teachers Association of South Carolina
1719 Taylor St.
Columbia, S. C.

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I understand that the Palmetto State Teachers Association has drawn heavily on its treasury to support the Clarendon County school suit. However, we hope that it will be possible for the Association to appropriate $200 for this Southern Regional Council project. It will not be necessary to make the whole sum immediately available in cash, because we hope that a portion of it could be used to purchase a supply of the leaflets for use by your Association. But approximately $100 ought to come to the Council when and if your Board will approve. We would undertake to use the proceeds solely for the advancement of the school project, which, even in its present form, is costing us somewhere around $800 a month.

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George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 14, 1953

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Marion:

I am going to be up in your territory next week. Monday night and Tuesday at Belmont Abbey. Wednesday afternoon I drive from there to Warren Wilson College for something called the Southern Hazen Conference (mostly educators). Have to be at Warren Wilson Wednesday evening and talk there Thursday morning, August 20. I could come up to Linville Falls Thursday afternoon, the 20th, presumably getting there about 3:00. We could talk for an hour or so, and then I ought to go on down to Belmont for the leavings of their conference.

If, for any reason, Thursday afternoon is not a time when you're going to be at home, you could write to me at CCS Conference, Belmont Abbey, Belmont, N. C., and let me know.

If, alternatively, it happened to suit you or you and Mrs. Wright to drive down to Warren Wilson for some of the conference, I am sure you would both be very welcome, and we could have a leisurely lunch somewhere in the Swannanoa Valley. But what I will count on is driving up to see you Thursday afternoon.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 14, 1953

Mr. Myron Schwartz
Jewish Community Relations Council
602 Fullerton Bldg.
St. Louis 1, Mo.

Dear Myron:

It's all right to put me down to be chairman for the afternoon meeting on Friday, November 13, of the Department of Local Private Services. The only hitch is that my Council is going to be broke on and after September 30, and if it stays broke through November, I don't know how in the world I would get to Minnesota.

I hope and expect to get there, but I do have to say that there is an off chance that there just won't be any ten centses to put me there.

Very nice indeed to see you both in Chicago.

Warmly,

George S. Mitchell
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August 14, 1953

Dr. Gordon T. Lovejoy
Box 578
Guilford College, N. C.

Dear Gordon:

I had a mighty good time with your people up there in Lexington, and am only sorry that I couldn't be with them another hour or two later on.

I will hunt you up at Guilford some day. Meanwhile, let me know when you get hereabouts.

The people at Coral Gables came through with an offer of that job. In some ways I hankered to take it, but my first duty is to this Council. So I told them to go on and fill the job. I am a professor at heart, and some day I want to go back to professing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 17, 1953

Dr. Ambrose Caliver
Assistant to the Commissioner
Department of Health, Education & Welfare
Office of Education
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Caliver:

There's mighty little in print on desegregation of Southern schools, because there's been so little desegregation.

You can collect through your own channels a better account than I can of the acceptance of desegregation on the federal cantonment properties at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, and Ft. Benning, Georgia, and other Southern installations. I have always heard that the Ft. Bragg experiment went particularly well.

As you doubtless know, a private country day school near Alexandria, Virginia, now operates on a non-segregated basis.

I am told that for a brief while a Negro student of vocational training attended the white vocational high school in Arlington, Virginia.

I am told that the school superintendent for Fayetteville, Arkansas, (northwestern corner, as you know) is seriously considering opening Fayetteville's white high school this September to the six Negro children of high school age in the town. He has been hauling seven Negro children sixty miles every day to a Negro high school at Ft. Smith and sixty miles back, over the hump of all the Ozarks every night.

The events at Anderson County, Tennessee, are lightly described in our issue of NEW SOUTH for May 1952, enclosed. The full story there would be of some interest. Ended the wrong way, with the children still going to a segregated school. But the admission of the school superintendent that he would be all right on it the other way is significant.

In Kentucky a year or two ago the State superintendent said some significant things. Here is a quote and a citation.

"The greatest immediate needs in the area of Negro education may be listed as follows: . . . .

"Laws and amendments to existing laws that will enable local school authorities to provide school services more easily to the children in sparsely populated areas of the state. Segregation is extremely expensive in districts where only a few Negroes live. Modification should be made to the Day Law legalizing non-segregation when school boards elect to do so."--Biennial Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, for the biennium ended June 30, 1951. Boswell B. Hodgkin, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Chairman of State Board of Education.

Colgate Darden's speech a couple of years ago advocating Negroes on local school boards is significant. Four Virginia cities have followed along, as you know. Speech is in our March 1951 issue of NEW SOUTH, enclosed.

The truth is that a lot of counties in the Southern Appalachians and in the Ozarks could be brought to desegregate their schools with very little dispute. It is going to be much harder to do in the old plantation counties. Probably not as tough as most people think in the Piedmont cities, because in most of them residential segregation is pretty strick, anyway, they being new-built cities.

I am told that more than a year ago several members of the Virginia Legislature from the southwestern counties of that State were saying privately that they foresaw integration in their schools at an early date. It just doesn't make sense for a county with two or three tiny Negro settlements to build strictly equal $300,000 high schools and grammar schools. And I think a good many such counties will see the light soon.

One other snippet. I am told that the Catholic schools of Ft. Smith, Arkansas, have abolished segregation. I don't know that anybody has collected and published the Arizona experience, which ought to be of a good deal of interest. It could influence much of West Texas and, of course, New Mexico, and maybe some of Western Oklahoma.

We are busy trying to get local discussion groups going to review the whole business of the on-coming decisions and how to get the schools together.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 17, 1953

B. Tartt Bell
Executive Secretary
American Friends Service Committee
Southeastern Regional Office
336 Church St.
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Tartt:

The only way I would know to go about finding people for the four new programs would be to go to those cities and start digging. In New Orleans I would start with Mrs. Milton P. Adler, 61 Versailles Boulevard. In Houston I would start with Carter Wesley, who runs the Negro newspapers in that part of the State. Address: The Informer Newspapers, 2418 Leeland, Houston 3. White advice would begin with Mrs. James Crate, 2410 Inwood Drive, Houston 19; and Mrs. William H. Hogue, 5319 Cherokee Street, Houston 5. Consult also Tom Friedman, 1110 Bissonnet, Houston 5.

In Birmingham I don't know the right people any more, but I would start with Mrs. Ruby Hurley, Southeast Regional Office, NAACP, 624 Masonic Temple Building, 1630 Fourth Avenue, North, and work from there.

Don't despair about Mississippi. Jackson is a boom town with a breeze of the oil-rich West in it. On the main drag men stalk about in ten-gallon hats and cowboy boots. Natchez has a whopping linoleum industry. CIO-organized and ready to be brought along your way. Meridian is doing things with its lumber business. I believe I would try Natchez.

Richmond would involve you in a relationship, easy or difficult, with the Urban League. They have a strong one there with good people. But I am sure that there is much additional that you could do.

Atlanta has a good Urban League, but it has had to neglect the industrial field.

Tartt Bell, August 17, 1953

Tip. Try to latch on to some veterans just back from Korea. People are disposed to do things for those boys, and my guess is the boys themselves are carriers of an earnest feeling about racial equality. And most of the businessmen they will be dealing with are ardent Legionnaires or something of the kind.

You will find schools of business administration at Tulane and Tuscaloosa and Emory, and possibly at Oxford, Mississippi, and certainly in Texas that would know a lot of young people with business connections.

If you happen to be driving Charlotte-way any time this week, I will be at Belmont Abbey Monday night and Tuesday night and Thursday night. Warren Wilson College Wednesday night. Day-long meetings, or I would try to come to Greensboro to see you.

Congratulations and good luck.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 17, 1953

Mr. George McMillan
Box 299
Aiken, S. C.

Dear George:

Good to have news of you.

Excellent story which will do a lot of good. Here it is back.

I send a collection of things which bear on the way segregation curls up at the edges.

The man who knows the most about such small improvement as has occurred in the quality of factory employment open to Negroes is John Hope, Race Relations Institute, Fisk University, Nashville 8, Tennessee. He's been working on a study of it for some years.

Another good man is Tartt Bell, 336 Church Street, Greensboro, North Carolina, who, for the American Friends Service Committee, has been bossing a project to negotiate better opportunities for Negroes, business by business and town by town.

We are working hard now to get local discussion groups going on the development of the controversy about the schools and the facts on local schools. Bi-racial discussion groups. We think when they get the facts they will be quite influential in shaping opinion.

I haven't been to Aiken, but am certainly going to come to see the two of you when I can get in that ~~discussion~~ direction. Ditto for you in Atlanta.

Next letter give me some news of you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

August 18, 1953

Miss Caroline Flexner
70 East 96th Street,
New York 28, N. Y.

Dear Miss Flexner:

Sometime ago Dr. Mitchell received a letter from Mr. Lewis Douglas of Tuscon, Arizona, who is heading a special project for the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

The NCCJ is giving special emphasis during the coming months to a study of "Our Moral and Spiritual Resources". They are proposing to have a conference sometime late in the year to be held in Washington and to deal with this subject.

On October 27th they are asking representatives of various organizations to meet for lunch at the Waldorf-Astoria and make plans for this Washington conference. The letter to Dr. Mitchell was an invitation for the Council to send a representative. Since it will not be possible for Dr. Mitchell to be present, he has suggested that we ask you to be our representative, which suggestion they have accepted.

Would it be possible for you to attend this luncheon meeting on October 27th as representative of the Southern Regional Council? Mr. Dumont F. Kenny, National Program Director for NCCJ who is at their offices on Fourth Avenue, (telephone MUrray Hill 9-4720) could tell you more about it as to time, length of meeting and other plans. If you can attend will you please let him know so that a reservation will be made.

We shall be most grateful if you can find it possible to attend for the Council.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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August 19, 1953

Miss Elizabeth Gardner
Room 200
6 E. 17th St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Gardner:

Enclosed is a copy of our 1952 report on Negro Police in the South, with additions since its publication attached.

We are sending copies of our monthly bulletin NEW SOUTH which contain material on Negro police and the Fellowship of the Concerned (church ladies who visit courts) and a copy of the SRC pamphlet RACE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT.

The attached bibliography of police training materials contains all the recent police training outlines that have come to our attention. Note that the item by Milton A. Senn is a study of police training programs in minority relations now in operation.

Dr. Mitchell is out of the office at present but will be glad to answer any questions you may have after looking over the SRC material mailed to you.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

Charge for materials mailed:

Race and Law Enforcement	.15
New Souths	.50
Postage	.06
	.71

August 21, 1953

Dr. Will W. Alexander
RFD 3
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Dr. Will:

I looked up our correspondence in April and May about Dr. Lawless.

Don't you think that if you poked Widenhouse again they might come through with their part, which Lawless would match?

The day after I phoned you some weeks ago Alex Heard came through with a most satisfactory telephone call, and we got all things straight, I think. I conclude that what is now to be quickly done by the Fund for the Advancement of Education will need to be followed up by what we could do with help from the Fund for the Republic.

I saw the portrait at Fisk. I was under much pressure to praise it, but liked it only tolerably.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta, Georgia
U. S. A.
August 24, 1953

Mrs. Maisie Aronstein
Publications Department
South African Institute of Race Relations
P. O. Box 97
Johannesburg
SOUTH AFRICA

Dear Mrs. Aronstein:

You will perhaps be interested in the distribution given here to the pamphlet RACE: WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY? Our own office has sent it out to the attached list. Twenty-five copies were purchased by the Division of Christian Relations of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (which is the Southern branch of the Presbyterian Church). I don't know exactly what distribution these copies were given, but presume they have been mailed out to Presbyterian leaders over the South.

Another twenty-five were purchased by the Southeastern Office of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States, and the director there, Mr. Ernest Arnold, tells me that he has sent them out widely in the Southern States.

As we have exhausted our supply, perhaps you would be good enough to post on to us so many additional ones as our remaining balance of 9/7 will pay for and pay carriage for.

Many of those who have received the pamphlet here have already written and expressed real appreciation for it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 24, 1953

Rosary College
River Forest, Ill.

Dear Sirs:

His Excellency, Bishop Waters, mentioned in a letter the other day two of your pamphlets which I hasten to send for. They were called RACIAL MYTH and HERESY OF RACE. He spoke also of a third called A MORAL APPRAISAL OF AN INDIVIDUAL ACT OF RACE DISCRIMINATION.

I would be most grateful if copies of these could be sent to me with a statement of charges.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Aug. 24, 1953

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Marion:

Executive Committee set for Friday, September 25.

It seems to me it is time to begin taking the Fund for the Republic request off the stove. Couldn't you go up there in mid-September and talk to all concerned? Mr. Clifford I, Case is the president of the Fund for the Republic, and his address is 655 Madison Avenue, New York 21. Bernard L. Gladieux is a secretary, perhaps executive secretary; same address. I should think you would need to write one or the other and make an appointment.

We would like to backstop you with Morris Abram, as being an Atlanta member of the Board and in the current of SRC affairs, as well as being expertly informed on the effort of the Fund for the Advancement of Education. Also a fertile and resourceful wit, as you remember. Morris is willing to go in mid-September.

Of course, the trip for the two of you is at SRC expense.

If you are willing to take on the job, let me know, and we will hasten to reserve time with Morris. My guess is that the Ford Foundation people will, along about now, cheerfully save you time for September 14 or 15 or 16 or 17, as you choose. So I shouldn't so much fear it not being available up there. If the idea pleases you, say when you want to go, and I will try to line up Morris's schedule.

The two of you needn't move everywhere together. I should think there would be varying circles that each of you would be most influential in. But it seems to me you ought to operate together in the actual interview with the Ford people.

Thank Mrs. Wright for that rib-sticking corn bread and roast beef. Plus a Dairy Queen or two, it served me quite for supper.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Same letter: A. C. Miller (Baptists), Malcolm Calhoun (Presbyterians), John Turner (Episcopalians), Philip Widenhouse (Congregationalists)

August 25, 1953

Mr. John Q. Schisler
Executive Secretary
General Board of Education
Division of the Local Church
The Methodist Church
1001 - 19th Ave., S.
Nashville 3, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Schisler:

I will be sending you in a week or so a new booklet intended for use by local discussion groups. Title--QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS: THE COURTS AND THE SCHOOLS. Simple, clear, accurate, temperate.

We hope it can find its way to use by local, usually bi-racial, discussion groups. So used, it will help a small group of people to discover their agreements and their differences on how to meet whatever the Supreme Court may finally say. And we suppose that the first group of people in each community who have found the facts and made up their minds will be influential in setting local opinion.

We expect to follow it with another simple guide to getting the facts about white and Negro schools and their needs in each community.

Do be thinking about whatever ways discussion meetings of this kind could fit into the program of the Board of Education.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 25, 1953

Lt. Scott Hamilton, Jr.
OMS 1621
Lowry AFB
Denver, Colo.

Dear Scott:

Very nice indeed to have your note. We have duly changed your address.

Ashmore's interest is in a quick study being made under his direction for the Fund for Adult Education (subsidiary of the Ford Foundation, rather like the other one, the Fund for the Republic, for whose aid we are suppliants). They are digging out the facts on Southern schools and will make them public at an appropriate time--quite soon. Our hope is that the Fund for the Republic will put us on our feet to follow through with local public opinion over the South in trying to get acceptance of the rapid improvements and changes bound to be called for by the Supreme Court decision when it comes.

Do call on my very close friend in Denver--Laurence I. Hewes, 701 Williams Street, Apartment 2. Interesting and attractive Mexican-Spanish wife named Patricia. He himself did, under McArthur, the land subdivision job in Japan and now works for the Bureau of Reclamation.

All success, and hasten back.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 25, 1953

Mrs. Arnold F. Strauss
Algonquin Park
Norfolk 7, Va.

Dear Mrs. Strauss:

Congratulations on the July leaflet with the report of the president.

We've got a new booklet coming out in a week or ten days called QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS: THE COURTS AND THE SCHOOLS . Idea, to have it used as a textlet by local interracial discussion groups who will, with it, begin to prepare local public opinion for whatever may be the decision of the Court. Expect to follow it with another, which will be a guide on how to get the facts on local white and Negro schools.

I perceive that the Citizens Commission for the Public Schools has a local interracial group going in Norfolk. I have written to the Citizens Commission, telling them that as we go in for this discussion group thing over the South, we don't want to duplicate what they are doing, and that I am anxious to clear with them on it.

I will send a pamphlet up to you for your pondering. I think it will strike some sparks with you on ways to get it in use in the tidewater area.

Warmly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 25, 1953

National Citizens Commission for the Public Schools
2 W. 45th St.
New York 36, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

My Council begins to enter a field that I perceive you are already working in. Our concern is to prepare public opinion in the South for whatever may be the final decision of the Supreme Court on the segregation issue.

Some of our local people have already started three or four bi-racial discussion groups. They write us for materials that will give them the background on the school question. We have prepared and sent to the printer a pamphlet called QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS: THE COURTS AND THE SCHOOLS. Out in a week or ten days. Simple, clear, temperate. Working with churches and with teachers' groups and other organizations, we hope to get a good many discussion groups which will use the pamphlet. We want to follow it with another that will be a guide to such discussion groups in collecting the facts about their local schools, white and Negro.

All that must be pretty close to some of the things you are doing. I feel the need of getting up to New York and clearing with you, in order that we can avoid duplicating your work. But I haven't got any early New York trip planned, and the budget can't stand an extra one. If you've got some roving Southern representative who could steer his way to Atlanta and drop in on us, we would like to talk to him or her.

I will send you the pamphlet as soon as it is out.

We benefit from your periodical leaflet and keep an account of its mention of local Southern groups. We rejoice to see the interracial one in Norfolk.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 25, 1953

The Abbot
Abbey of Our Lady of the Holy Ghost
Conyers, Ga.

Reverend and dear Father:

Dr. John J. O'Connor of Georgetown University is participating in a survey of racial integration in Catholic educational institutions in the South and has written our office inquiring whether there are Negroes at Our Lady of the Holy Ghost.

Dr. O'Connor's study of Catholic institutions is part of a larger survey of the school situation in the South being undertaken by the Fund for the Advancement of Education. The survey covers all levels of education from primary through college and university, including theological seminaries, and is being financed through a grant from the Ford Foundation.

Any experiences you have had in racial integration at Our Lady of the Holy Ghost would be very helpful to Dr. O'Connor. His address: 5115 Moorland Lane, Bethesda 14, Md.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

August 26, 1953

Dr. George A. Wieland, Executive Secretary
The National Council
Protestant Episcopal Church
Home Department
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Wieland:

I am about to get in print a revised version of this pamphlet. Title: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS: THE COURTS AND THE SCHOOLS. Intent: for it to be used by local bi-racial discussion groups in the South. We think that will build at the grassroots supporting opinion for whatever the Supreme Court may rule. We haven't got any such discussion groups (except three or four!), but we hope that many friends will help get them going.

What's my best device for getting the real interest of the Episcopal Church? I have written already to the Rev. Mr. Turner at Birmingham, as chairman for Christian Social Relations for the Province of Sewanee. I could write to his opposite numbers in each Southern Diocese. I could write to the Southern Bishops. Remembering the National Council's help to SRC, I could send it out pretty widely to appropriate clergymen.

Your thought and advice would be extremely welcome.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 26, 1953

Mr. Paul E. Bryan
1235 Emory Dr., NE
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Paul:

A long time ago I talked with you briefly about the Council's plan to get established a Southwide Commission on Equal Penalties in Courts of Law. We at last have about $4,000 in hand for this purpose. Plan has been to select twelve or eighteen persons of great distinction in the South, mostly connected with the law, and then, in concert with them, arrange with three or four law schools in the South for research and publication as to the record of several decades in selected States, cities, and towns on equal or unequal penalties in particular areas of crime.

We would be very grateful if you would ponder some as to the people who ought to be on such a Commission and as to the categories of crime that ought to be covered in the research.

I am at your service if further conversation will be helpful.

I don't know anyone in the South whose advice on this matter I would value more than yours.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 27, 1953

Mr. J. Arthur Kelly
50 Chappell Rd., NW
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Last time you were here I promised to be in touch with Mrs. Tilly about the chance that the Interracial Committee at Rome, Georgia, could be interested in some kind of scholarship aid to you. Mrs. Tilly tells me that the Committee at Rome is head over heels in money-raising for a Negro hospital and that she is satisfied that is as much of a project as, for the time being, they can take on.

Hope you get back some way and push on to the finish.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 27, 1953

Miss Patricia Herron
Box 723
Tryon, N. C.

Dear Miss Herron:

I am all for what you want to do but understand how hard it is to catch on. Trouble is that under segregation, all Negro public schools use strictly Negro teaching staffs. That leaves you private schools, of which there are not many. The Free Methodist Church, based at Winona Lake, Indiana, operates a none-too-prosperous, but hard-working, private Negro school at Shreveport, Louisiana. I guess, 200 students. Poor and living in a bum end of town. Several white teachers. Day school.

Faculty children at Tuskegee Institute go pretty largely to a special school on the campus. I don't know whether it is public or private.

Spelman College, which is the women's college that is part of Atlanta University, operates informally and on the side a nursery school that may extend up to the first two or three grades of primary work. Again, it is pretty largely for A. U. faculty children. I know a very able white woman who taught there for a good many years--as Eva Knox Evans. Now married to somebody else and lives somewhere else.

I shouldn't be surprised byt what, in conjunction with some other leading Negro universities in the South, such schools are to be found. Then there are, of course, Catholic parochial schools.

The next fung would queerish rural colony communities. Koinonia Farm near Americus, Georgia, has mostly white people and maybe a Negro or two in a cooperative set-up. Clarence Jordan at Route 2, Americus, is the head of it. Macedonia Cooperative Community at Clarkesville, Georgia, with Art Wiser as the head of it, is an all-white group up in the hills. Interracial in purpose, but in an all-white area. Mostly C. O.'s.

So far as we know, the only integrated public schools anywhere in the South are on Army posts, and there aren't many of those yet. Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, has the best known one.

A country day school near Alexandria has a few Negro children, but that's flossy people, I should think.

Lincoln Institute, Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky, is a boarding school for Negro children, mostly of high school age, mostly from mountain counties of Kentucky. The counties pay to have them sent there rather than let them in local schools or build separate ones. Situation on that will change. I dare say, Lincoln Institute has some white teachers, but I don't know for sure.

You've got right there in Tryon a very widely informed woman, Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames. She can give you mighty good advice.

I should think your knowledge and your special skills would be extraordinarily valuable in many Southern communities. Problem is to find the niche.

If you want to come to Atlanta, we will worry with you about it, and I can send you to other and better informed people hereabouts for more inquiry.

Might be worth your while to be in touch with the American Friends Service Committee. They've got a Greensboro, North Carolina, office at 336 Church Street, run by one Tartt Bell, and they know of most things of your kind that may be going forward.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 27, 1953

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tenn.

Dear Myles:

My congratulations on the fine way you and the whole school carried through the institute on the courts and the schools. I am sorry I was not there for some part of it.

The materials you sent down have been very helpful indeed.

There is ten times more than enough for both of us to be doing in getting the issues understood.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 28, 1953

Rev. Raymond Bernard, S. J.
Institute of Social Order
3655 West Pine Blvd.
St. Louis 8, Mo.

Dear Father Bernard:

The dates of four of the articles in the summary of press comments on the Supreme Court delay are marked on the enclosed copy of NEW SOUTH.

The clippings from which the other four were drawn have been loaned out and are not available to us at present. Mr. Fleming says, however, that they are probably from June 10 papers, as all of them came from daily papers.

I am sorry we cannot give you any more exact information.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

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August 28, 1953

Mr. Emmett J. Murphy
6632 California Ave.
Hammond, Ind.

Dear Emmett:

Hi! Mighty sorry we didn't connect. Next time when you get to town at all, call me up anyway. I can crawl out of bed at 3:00 a. x. to hear about Africa!

The University of Miami had a few weeks ago a vacancy for the coming year (and for good) as head of the Department of Human Relations. This is a chair endowed with the cooperation of the NCCJ, originally for Gordon Lovejoy. The second holder was Miller Ritchie, who has just taken a job as president of a college up in your part of the world somewhere. They offered me the job, but though I am tempted by the academic life, I belong to the Council and couldn't take it. The head job paid $5,000, plus some college contribution toward annuity. They have had rather a difficult time finding a person to be the head. I doubt that they have filled the place yet. They've got competent people in the department whom they're not willing to promote up to be head--not enough degrees, etc. As they still probably haven't a head, they may quite well be wanting a fill-in person to take over some of the courses that the head man would be teaching.

I have written as enclosed to the people down there who corresponded with me. Follow it up if you are so inclined.

Yes, do go ahead and do the article. We need it and want to run it. Say what you want to say, and our people will be interested. Of course, what is of greatest interest here is essential contrasts between South Africa and South U. S.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 28, 1953

Mr. Charles Doren Tharp
Secretary of the University of Miami
Coral Gables, Fla.

Dear Mr. Tharp:

I had a letter today from an able young fellow who wants a job in things related to human relations. I thought just possibly there would be a fill-in place in the Department of Human Relations at Miami, taking for a term or two, anyway, some of the courses that the head of the department ought to teach.

Man's name is Emmett J. Murphy. Georgia boy to begin with. Went to Emory and did a year or two of graduate work, and I think some teaching, at Emory in sociology. Went on to Chapel Hill and took a couple of years toward his doctorate in anthropology. I, with others, got busy and arranged for him to attend the summer session of an institute of African affairs at Northwestern University in the summer of 1951. He pretty soon turned up with an invitation to teach for a year at the Native College at Fort Hare in South Africa, and did teach over there in '52 and '53. He's been back only a month or two. I had a letter from him today, saying that as he got back in the middle of the summer, he's having a hard time finding a place to teach or do research or take on some action program for the coming school year.

I have taken the liberty of giving him your name and suggesting that if he still hasn't located a job, he get in touch with you.

It so happens that I have never met young Mr. Murphy, but various of my friends spoke so highly of him that I had no hesitancy in pulling what strings I could to get him up to Northwestern. And he appears to have behaved admirably and responsibly in the year over in South Africa. Man's married. No children. I expect he's about 26 or 27. Maybe a year or two older.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ee

August 28, 1953

Mr. David B. Silberman, Jr.
Sigmund Silberman Foundation
117 W. 35th St.
Chicago 9, Ill.

Dear Mr. Silberman:

The Sigmund Silberman Foundation's check for $300 which came today is of the very greatest help to us, and we are deeply grateful. Our secretary-treasurer is on vacation today, but she will send in an official receipt early next week.

I will be sending you in a few days a new booklet we have done on the courts and the schools. We expect we can make it widely useful in educating people in small communities all over the South about the issues coming up.

With the warmest regards to you and Mrs. Silberman.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

August 28, 1953

Dr. W. J. Faulkner
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tenn.

Dear Dean Faulkner:

Sorry to see in THE CONSTITUTION today that we are losing you from hereabouts. You've been a source of encouragement and insight for us all. I envy your congregation at Chicago the wisdom and faith that will be theirs.

Do leave some note for your successor at Fisk encouraging him to continue that most happy arrangement by which annually a most welcome giftie has come from the Fisk Chapel to us here!

Some years ago I became acquainted with a Mr. David Silberman, Jr., in Chicago. He and his wife are charming people, most perceiving in matters that interest you and me. The older generation of his family are into some widespread fur business related in some way to Sears Roebuck. They have a small family foundation called the Sigmund Silberman Foundation, which has offices at 117 West 35th Street, Chicago 9. Young Mr. Silberman has very kindly for the last several years sent a donation of $300 or so to our Council. I have written him a note to say that you will be coming to Chicago. I hope that you will take some opportunity early on in your stay up there to make his acquaintance. It may be that in some situation of special need he would care to be helpful. He is a delightful person in his own right.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

August 31, 1953

Mr. Seymour Samet, Director
Southeast Area
American Jewish Committee
213 NE 2nd Ave.
Miami, Fla.

Dear Seymour:

Many thanks for a quick and full answer.

I've written to Mrs. Nathan and to Hoffer. Do hope they will both be interested.

See if you can stretch things and get it out to your people in various Southern cities. What we most need is local leadership in starting discussion groups that will use it. Object is to get going in the South an educational, grassroots movement on all the issues.

The Ford Foundation's Fund for the Advancement of Education has financed a quickie study of the facts about schools in the South. Harry Ashmore of the ARKANSAS GAZETTE is the high man in charge, and Phil Hammer of Atlanta is coordinating the needed research. They have got crews out combing over the various States for the facts. Hope to get their material together by the end of September. They promise no continuing program of implementation, and we hope that the Fund for the Republic will float us for that job. I am sure this means that many of the facts the AJC nationally will be concerned to collect will be available through the Fund for the Advancement of Education.

I expect to be here September 14 and 15 and will be delighted to see you.

I can see you are sure-enough busy!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ee
Encl.

August 31, 1953

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Marion:

Katherine Stoney and I have looked at the books again. After meeting today's payroll we still have $2,500 in the savings bank available for general use and a cash balance of $500. That $3,000 will carry us September 15 and September 30. I expect we will, in ordinary course, get in enough during September to enable us to pay our people October 15. Then we will be broke. On present expectations of revenue, I would forecast lacking $4,000 of enough to finish the year.

I will try to pull in what little bits that may still be got hold of. We have asked the CIO for a thousand long ago, and there is still Paul and Cardinal Stritch, and the ILGWU may yet be good for $500. But that's about all we know of that's still out.

So, generally speaking, the picture is that we lack $4,000 of enough to get through the year.

I think I mentioned a larger figure to you. I am happy that this is so small, but we still must find some way to close the gap.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

August 31, 1953

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Rd.
Richmond 22, Va.

Dear Paul:

I figure we're going to be about $4,000 short for the year. Do do your best to see if Cardinal Stritch can now come again to our help. If he would send a thousand, I should think that, with this and with that, we could get through, somehow, without any defacit at all.

Your good and my much admired friend, Abbot Vincent Taylor, very kindly sent a whole $200 for my small appearance at his commencement! That closes the gap considerably!

Warmly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

August 31, 1953

Rt. Rev. Vincent G. Taylor, O.S.B.
Belmont Abbey College
Belmont, N. C.

My dear Father Abbot:

How extremely kind that was of you and of the College to send so generous a check for what was so pleasurable an occasion for me. In these uncolleged days I seldom proceed begowned in solemn train, and side by side with the man most honored of all! And then to have one's small speech come out in print as one of the "vital" speeches of the day, and further to have one's Council chest munificently replenished is great kindness indeed!

Do let me come back when it may suit you for my map speech. It is a special delight to walk your halls.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

September 1, 1953

Mr. David B. Silberman, Jr.
Sigmund Silberman Foundation
117 W. 35th St.
Chicago 9, Ill.

Dear Mr. Silberman:

Our papers here carried notice of the coming removal to Chicago of a most remarkable man, and I have taken the liberty of telling him of my pleasure in having your acquaintance, and have suggested to him that after he gets settled in Chicago he seek you out down town.

His name is William J. Faulkner. He's an Atlanta Negro who was for some years in business in Atlanta and later was the greatly beloved minister of the First Congregational Church here. For several years past he has been chaplain at Fisk University at Nashville and pastor of the Fisk church. He is to go now to be pastor of a newly-formed Congregational church at Park Manor in Chicago.

I don't know when before I have known a man of his rich spiritual insight. He is a noble and sincere speaker, wise in judgment and a warm and temperate adviser in many matters that concern race relations. I am sure your circle of friends is already almost more than you can cope with, but if you will add Mr. Faulkner to it, I am sure you will receive the same encouragement and faith about mankind which I have had from him.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

September 1, 1953

Mrs. Elsie L. Wilson
Council of Social Agencies
715 Travis St.
Shreveport, La.

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

We would like to have fifteen or twenty-five copies of the printed edition of "The Shreveport Story," as your supply will permit.

I would also still like to have a copy of each of the two speeches of appreciation you played at the Blue Ridge meeting.

In going through the survey report again I was impressed once more with the scope and thoroughness of the study.

Nice seeing you again at Blue Ridge .

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

September 2, 1953

Mr. George Meany, President
American Federation of Labor
AF of L Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Meany:

Would the American Federation of Labor consider making a contribution this year to the Southern Regional Council of somewhere around a thousand dollars?

Either in our own name or as our predecessor agency, the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, we have been plugging away for everybody's rights throughout the thirteen Southern States from about 1919. The organization is small, and Goodness knows, it has never been powerful. But it has the loyal friendship of some most distinguished and representative people in the South. And one of the things we have urged all along has been full and free trade union organization.

I send along a copy of our 1952 audit, as showing the various sources from which our small budget has been met. The churches help us considerably. A variety of foundations have helped from time to time. Dues from our members bring in five or six thousand, and members contributions, over and above dues, amount to several thousand more. The Steelworkers and UAW-CIO have given us a thousand in most recent years, and the ILGWU-AFL for the last two or three years has sent us $500. The Sidney Hillman Foundation has sent $1,500, or so, also.

We try to understand and spread knowledge of the economics of the growing South, because a better economy, we all agree, is the basis of better race relations. George Googe was one of the group that originally came together to establish the Southern Regional Council, and we have had warm links with the AF of L for many years. I was honored last year with an invitation to teach for a week at the Southern Labor School at Lakeland, Florida, and am to go again this October to the same school in Oklahoma. And I taught in July for a week at the Kentucky Labor School held in Lexington.

Mr. George Meany, Sept. 2, 1953

I think Lew Rhodes or Earle Britton or Lige Williams or various of your other Southern people who were at Lakeland will have good words for the Council. John Connors knows us quite well and, I am satisfied, would want us helped.

It takes about $40,000 a year to keep the Council going.

I am satisfied that the Southern Regional Council makes a quite substantial contribution to the growth of that democratic opinion in the South within which the labor movement itself increases in strength. If the American Federation of Labor would consider whether it could lend some strength to us, we would be extremely grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encl.

September 2, 1953

Mr. Morris B. Abram
Healey Bldg.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Morris:

Marion Wright says it's all right for him to go to New York in mid-September, but asked me to make the date. I have wired the Fund for the Republic and asked for time for you and Marion Wright with an appropriate official on either September 14, 15, or 16. Will let you know as soon as reply received.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

P. S. Later in the day David Freeman of the Fund for the Republic called me. I made a date for you alone to see him 11:00 a. m., Tuesday, September 15, at the F for the R's offices, 655 Madison Avenue. I do hope you can go, because I think the two of you would understand each other and you could get him further along. He told me they are not yet ready to take their major race relations projects off the stove, so no need sending the two of you. But I had some notion you were heading North, anyway.

GSM

September 2, 1953

Mr. Newton Aiken, Editor
THE EVENING SUN
Baltimore 3, Md.

Dear Mr. Aiken:

I am much helped in trying to understand the changing South by dividing the Southeastern region into four main sub-regions: the mountains, the piedmont, the plantation country, and the piney woods. That gives you four broad groupings, and as a general rule, the economy and people's attitudes within each sub-area hold together pretty well. So if you present a clear picture of the changes under way in each portion, you have done the whole thing.

If that appeals to you as a method, you would need contacts and sample material from each portion. To your own I can add a few.

For the mountains, best informed man is probably Earl Mayhew, State Director, Farmers Home Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Lexington, Kentucky. Grew up in Southeastern Kentucky. Was a county agent in a mountain county. Has put on practical programs of improvement in mountain communities and is a thoughtful student of all things mountainy. I got from him the skit carried in the Spring 1951 issue of your own Baltimore publication, THE LAND.

People at Berea know a lot, particularly the agricultural people. Stop in on the county agent in almost any mountain county and query him pretty closely as to changes. Some interesting work has been done in Macon County, North Carolina. County seat, Franklin.

The handicraft interest centers perhaps at the John C. Campbell Folk School, Brasstown, North Carolina, near Murphy. Ducktown and Copperhill you would know about yourself. Good for a paragraph on how not to permit erosion. Greene County, Tennessee, is interesting agriculturally.

Point about the mountains is that many valleys need land-use reorganization, water control, industrial opportunity, improved forest care, more tourist trade, and more technical education. Still an area of heavy surplus population. Because the predominant pattern is farm ownership, people

stay on the land.

As we all know, it is the piedmont area which has had by far the greater part of the industrial development in the South. Water power, hydro-electric power, labor and enterprise. Most interesting point to me in watching the piedmont is to see the change industrialization makes in Southern mores. The new position of the Negro where he is numerous in Southern industry is worth a good deal of study. Gadsden, Alabama, is a typical such town. If you got to Gadsden, you ought also to see the editor of the ANNISTON STAR, Mr. H. M. Ayers, who has thoughtful liberal views.

For furniture, High Point. For textiles, Charlotte or Greensboro. For industry generally, correspond with and come to see the Southern Association of Science and Industry, 5009 Peachtree Road, NE, Atlanta. They have lately published a most interesting new five-dollar directory of Southern industries, and are probably the best informed people on the subject, short of your own MANUFACTURERS RECORD people.

For the labor interest, Stanton Smith of the AF of L in Chattanooga is informed and thoughtful. Alfred Mynders is, of course, one of the very ablest people on every Southern matter. In my own view, the most far-seeing labor leader in the South is Paul Christopher of the CIO, with offices in the Flatiron Building in Knoxville. Rather hard to catch in, so you'd better make an appointment if you want to see him.

Lucy Mason's recent book, TO WIN THESE RIGHTS, Harper and Company, is helpful on the problems of organizing Southern industrial workers.

Martinsville, Virginia, is an interesting industrial town, mostly furniture.

Another colorful labor figure is Earle Britton, head of the AF of L in South Carolina. Offices at Columbia. Pressman, I believe, for the STATE and the RECORD.

When you get down to the old plantation belt, the basic problem is land tenure. In spite of the census, nobody really knows what is happening there. A tremendous reorganization has occurred within the last fifteen years. I think the freshest information is to be had from the Rural Life Center at Tuskegee Institute. Mr. Ernest Neal is in charge of that. They are free from some of the restraints that are often upon agricultural officialdom, and they are sensitive to the Negro interest in the old plantation belt. Another able student, also a Negro, is Professor Harry Roberts, Virginia State College, Petersburg, Virginia. Wise old head--Tom Campbell at Tuskegee, the first Negro county agricultural agent and in charge of Negro extension work for the whole South. Hodding Carter at Greenville, Mississippi, is the ready source on the Delta.

Interesting man to interview would be John D. Rust, 508 Simmons Building, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He invented the Rust Brothers Cotton Picker, which is basic to the modern machines. Has spent time, thought, and money to get alleviation of the changes produced in the South partly by the mechanisation of agriculture. Has been written up in FORTUNE and, I believe, in the READERS DIGEST.

In North Carolina the former director of extension, Dean I. O. Shaub, would have a long view of the changes that have occurred. I assume, still in Raleigh.

In Washington you could reach readily Mr. H. H. Gordon, a former high official of the old Farm Security Administration, now high in the Department of Agriculture under Eisenhower.

Probably the Spartanburg Regional Office of the Soil Conservation Service would be an interesting stopping point.

In Raleigh or Birmingham look in on THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. Clarence Poe at Raleigh is richly worth an interview.

Some of us who dream about a different South in the future preach industrialisation for the plantation belt. Thus far, most of it has escaped. Aiken is an interesting exception. So also is Sumter, South Carolina, with furniture factories and, off and on, strong unions. Hodding Carter's town of Greenville lately brought in a rug mill, or something of the sort, employing altogether white labor--mostly women.

Best informed man on the Negro vote in Alabama would be Mr. C. G. Gomillion at Tuskegee Institute, or J. E. Pierce at State Teachers College, Montgomery. Point to watch is that in the plantation belt, generally speaking, the Negro vote is extremely light. Pierce and Gomillion have the figures.

A key controversy relates to State legislative apportionment. Alabama has not reapportioned since 1901. Louisiana has escaped it for thirty years. Georgia never does. The South Carolina Senate stays the same, though the lower house does faithfully reapportion. Point of that is that the plantation counties, which have been losing population for forty years, retain their authority in the legislatures of States now being rapidly industrialised. Alabama is the ready place to study the problem. Miss Hallie Farmer at Alabama College in Montevallo did a booklet on the subject. I send along three Southern Regional Council leaflets that expand it. V. O. Key's book has much on this whole issue.

I can't tell you much about the piney woods country, because I don't know it very well. Agricultural Extension Service at Gainesville, Florida, would be a good place to study it. People in THE USDA in Washington know the turpentine industry well.

Trade unionism has made substantial headway in the piney woods country in the last five or six years and wages are up a lot. Conservation of the trees is proceeding to most people's satisfaction, but there is some grumbling about the increase in huge timber holdings.

Best background book on regional geography in the South is Rupert Vance's THE HUMAN GEOGRAPHY OF THE SOUTH.

If you get to Aiken, a well-informed and able writer is George McMillan, there reachable at P. O. Box 299. Currently doing a Guggenheim on Southern matters.

Best man on Southern politics is Alex Heard at Chapel Hill.

Far-sighted Southern industrialist, James L. Coker, Sonoco Products Company, Hartsville, South Carolina.

Harry Ashmore of the ARKANSAS GAZETTE probably knows more at the moment about the problems proposed to the South by the impending Supreme Court decision on the schools.

Excellent editor of small-town paper, Sylvan Meyer (Nieman fellow), Gainesville, Georgia. Paper is GAINESVILLE TIMES.

Interesting Catholic thinking being done by Rev. J. B. Gremillion, 216 Patton Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana. Also Very Rev. Maurice V. Shean, The Oratory, Rock Hill, South Carolina.

Rufus Clement of Atlanta University was lately elected, as you know, to the Atlanta City School Board. First Negro since 'way back. He has begun to sit with the Board quite lately, and his experiences would be worth an interview. Other towns in which similar things have happened--Wilson, North Carolina; Gastonia, North Carolina; Richmond, Virginia; Lynchburg, Virginia; Nashville, Tennessee.

Extremely able Negro woman in charge of NAACP for Southeastern area--Mrs. Ruby Hurley, 624 Masonic Temple Building, Birmingham, Alabama.

Wise old head on Negro progress--Wylie Hall, Richmond Urban League, Richmond, Virginia.

Surely that's more people than one editor would ever go to see!

I am a longtime admirer of THE SUN papers. Come to see us when you get South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encls.

September 3, 1953

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Marion:

Got your letter yesterday about a New York trip. Wired David Freeman up there and asked for a date for you and Morris. He telephoned me a couple of hours later. Said their new president, Case, had only been on the job a few weeks, and he (Freeman) was satisfied that it was still some time before the Fund for the Republic would have its plans prepared for action in the field of race relations. They did not have unlimited funds, and not all that they had was to go into race relations. And we are asking for a goodish amount, over a million dollars. The Urban League and the NAACP are asking for sums certainly no smaller. So he did not see any real advantage in our going to the expense of sending you and Abram up to see them at this time. If we had some strikingly different proposal to make at this juncture, even that could be done by mail.

I told him that we had supposed that it was about time that they took some of their things off the stove now. Well, in effect, he said they hadn't cooked that much. I happened to know that Morris Abram was heading northwards anyway about mid-month, so I compromised with making a date for Morris Abram to see David Freeman 11:00 a. m. Tuesday, September 15, at 655 Madison Avenue. I think that will do good all around, and at minimum expense.

Thank you for being willing to go, but as it turns out, that can be put off for a later time.

The Fund for the Advancement of Education has one or two of its big wheels hereabouts today, and we are providing a bi-racial luncheon at 63 Auburn for them. Incidentally, Freeman made it clear that adequate interchange occurs between the Fund for the Republic and Fund for the Advancement of Education on our request. Early in the game the F. for A. of E. had sent to F. for R. for all F. for R. had in re us. And the F. for A. of E. big wheel (nomine, Coombs) hereabouts had telephoned in to F. for R. two days ago for further advice.

Mr. Marion A. Wright, September 3, 1953

James Coker promptly and gladly accepted membership on the Board, so no need to write if you haven't already.

Board now contains 41 or 42 accepted persons and enough letters out to bring it up to fifty.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., NE, Rm. 432
Atlanta, Ga.
U. S. A.
September 4, 1953

Mr. Al Grant
Boerhaavelaan
26
Leiden
NETHERLANDS

Dear Al:

I lost your letter deep in a stack of things I should have attended to and only found it the other day.

I checked with Mr. Whittaker, the registrar at Atlanta University, about Robert Roseberry. Whittaker said he had no up-to-the-minute information, but that he recalled being told a few weeks before that Robert had never missed a single class and was highly thought of by the people at Spelman.

The other day I talked with Mrs. Yates at the Carrie Steele-Pitts Home. She said Robert will be entering this September the 11th grade at Booker Washington, which means he has this coming year and another one before he graduates from high school. He likes his art work at Spelman, she said; indeed, it is only in that that he shows the alert interest in his studies that she thinks would be right. I asked what sort of grades he got, suggesting B's and C's. "Ah, no," she said. "C's and D's." But she and others out there are trying very hard to pump formal academic attentiveness into him.

Mrs. Yates said that Robert had brought back to the home numerous examples of his work. For a piece of sculpture and, I think, also a piece of dyed cloth exhibited at Rich's as from the high school, he had won honorable mention. She was satisfied that he would be going back to his Spelman classes this fall. Mrs. Yates was most grateful for your interest and aid.

I assume that his returning to Spelman will be by grace of Mr. Whittaker's waiving any registration fee, but I don't know in detail about that. Mrs. Yates to let me know of any particular problems that might come up.

I wish I had more to report for the present, and will try to find out more later on from Whittaker and from Robert himself.

I will keep an eye on the problem of his further education, but Mrs. Yates is right—that unless he does more than passably well in his ordinary studies, he complicates the problem of scholarship aid for further work toward an artistic career. I know about artists, and I am not one that insists on their crowding their special talents through the rat holes that everybody else has to go through. But still, it would help if the boy would show an occasional B, anyhow.

Mr. Al Grant, Sept. 4, 1953

Warmest wishes for your success in ~~the~~ medicine. You must by now be a most fluent Dutchman.

Our Council limps along, but we still move. Pushing hard right now to get local discussion groups going on the issues coming up in desegregating the schools.

Warmly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

906 Lullwater Rd., NE
Atlanta, Ga.
September 8, 1953

Local Selective Service Board No. 49
Douglasville, Ga.

Gentlemen:

On the matter of John M. Ramsay, I do not intimately know the law, and I am not a conscientious objector. But I have known John M. Ramsay for several years, and I have the highest respect for his sincerity, courage, and devotion to principle. I greatly hope that his deep personal beliefs will be recognised by your board. It will do our country no good to imprison a man for a matter of conscience.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:ec

September 11, 1953

Mr. Robert H. Young
Governmental Affairs Institute
1785 Massachusetts Ave., N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Young:

Delighted to have Mr. Roy H. Jenkins October 1-3 here in Atlanta.

I hope he will stay with the Mitchells. Nobody in the guest room, and he will be most welcome. That would save a good deal of trotting back and forth to a hotel.

I have done a good deal of this moving about of incomers, and know the ropes. Can get him in touch with the AF of L and the CIO and the Negro community in Atlanta and instruct him some on various Southern matters. George Stoney and I are fellow Balliol men!

Tell me when he is coming, and we will meet him at the station or the airport.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

Septembe 14, 1953

Mr. J. Rupert Picott,
Executive Secretary
Clay Street at Fourth
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Picott:

Many thanks for the invitation to appear on the program of the convention of the Teachers' Association, Thursday morning, October 29 at 11:15. I would like to be there and to talk for 15 minutes on the subject assigned.

The Council is probably equally fundless with the Virginia Teachers' Association. What would you say to split the expenses of the trip, with an agreement that the maximum charge to you would not exceed $20.00?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

GSM/allo

September 15, 1953

Mr. James Stewart
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Mr. Stewart:

You and I have never met except vicariously, through Harry Wright. But I am coming out your way and hope that I will get a chance to see you. The AF of L has a Southwide workers' education show October 4-9 at the University of Oklahoma at Norman, and I am going to teach at it that week--mostly about Southern economics and civil rights.

If you will tell me a little about your locations and habits, I will try my best to get in a chance to see you. I have never been to Oklahoma, and I want to find out about the State.

I hear not too encouragingly from Harry Wright. He did well for years, but latterly, as an insurance agent and real estate broker, has found it hard sledding and is now peddling a soap extract in apartment houses. I want to go and see him and find out what's wrong. Very able fellow, and ought to keep on going up.

I meant to write you when you were elected to the Board of the NAACP and say my congratulations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

September 16, 1953

Mr. H. D. Samuel, Secretary
Sidney Hillman Foundation
15 Union Square, West
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Samuel:

Here is a pretty good new pamphlet we have just done. We want to get it used by local people, and preferably our local bi-racial groups throughout the South. So used, it can have a considerable effect in bringing about calmness and support of whatever may be the final ruling of the Supreme Court in the School segregation cases.

We are proud that some of the Sidney Hillman Foundation money went into the preparation of the pamphlet.

Will you not be kind enough to cast about in the Amalgamated and find out whether there are human channels for the pamphlet's widespread local use?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

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enclosure

September 16, 1953

Miss Carolin A. Flexner
41 East 57th Street,
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Miss Flexner:

We are delighted that you can attend the October 27th luncheon meeting as representative of the Southern Regional Council. Certainly you know enough of the Council's objectives to represent us and I am sure that you, yourself, will have constructive suggestions for the plans for their proposed program.

As to a report, we would not expect any detailed account of the meeting but if you could write us about it briefly, that would be most helpful. We are mainly interested that the Council have some one of its members attend for us.

We do appreciate your taking time to attend and will count is a real service to SRC. I am sending you, under separate cover, some recent publications of the Council, just so you may have them on hand.

Our very best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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September 16, 1953

Mr. George Meany, President
American Federation of Labor
901 Mass. Avenue, Northwest
AF of L Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Meany:

The American Labor Movement is rightfully proud of the part it played in founding and sustaining the public school system of this country.

Now, comes up in all the Southern States, a time of testing, when facts must be found and opinions formed by the Labor Movement on the whole issue of compliance with whatever the Supreme Court may rule on segregation in the schools.

Here is a pamphlet produced within the South, and aimed at getting the needed public support for calmness and tolerance. It would reach its greatest usefulness if trade union officials and many local members would discuss it.

It is confessed that the present edition, for a technical reason, does not have the Union Labor, but that will be remedied in later issues.

Will you not give some of your time and thought to devising a means for helping this purpose?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/alle

September 17, 1953

Mrs. W. McIlwaine Thompson
3808 Seminary Avenue,
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Thompson:

Harold Fleming has asked me to reply to your letter asking for information about interracial family conference grounds.

I am afraid that the situation all over the South is pretty much as it is in Richmond. There are few opportunities for any of us to make friends with Negroes and even fewer opportunities for children. However, there is one group who sponsor just such a camp as you want. You may have heard of the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen. This is a group of Southerners, both lay and clergy, who are interested in interracial understanding. They have small groups in a number of communities and have a conference every summer to which family groups come. The Fellowship is not large nor have they had enough money to do more than make a beginning. Some few years ago they got some land near Swananoa, N. C. and hope to build a permanent conference site there. Some work have been done, mostly with small work camps, and some progress made on the raising funds. For full information about the Fellowship you may write to Rev. Howard Kester, Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C. He is a sort of executive secretary for them.

The only other suggestion I can give is that as soon as they are old enough (in case either or both of them are girls) they join the Y-Teens. The Virginia-Carolina Y-Teen Conference is now interracial. This year it met at the Transylvania Music Camp the week after they ended their sessions. I was by there for a visit and found them having a very successful conference. There just might be some other such opportunities through the YWCA. I believe that the Girl Scouts are now beginning some interracial activities.

Sorry we cannot be of more help but I will keep you in mind and if I should hear of any other opportunities, I'll let you know.

Under separate cover I am sending you some information about the Council. We would welcome you as a members

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Stoney, Sec.-Treas.

September 22, 1953

Miss Lucy Mason
738 Myrtle Avenue, Northeast
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Lucy:

Here is Matt Warren's letter. I have answered him and told him that deal was open and the papers would be shipped.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

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September 23, 1953

Mr. Victor Kotun
Muhlenberg College
Allentown, Pa.

Dear Vic:

I hear you are now a Muhlenburger. Congratulations!

Write me how it goes.

Kendall Weisiger has promised to try to get the Rotary people in Philadelphia to put up some help for you. Kendall was much pleased with the way inwhich you paid him back notwithstanding all your trials.

You have got it in you to do a notable job as a student and I expect it to come out.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

GSM/allo

September 23, 1953

Rev. Raymond R. Bernard, S. J.
Institute of Social Order
3644 West Pine Boulevard
St. Loui 8, Mo.

Dear Father Bernard:

Many thanks for your letter of September 17th. We have sent two copies of the Courts and the Schools to Father Drinon.

I do not think that either Burns or Talmadge has carefully explored the law on their queer proposals. Burns has told people that have talked with him that he is only halfway serious about turning schools over to the churches and knows that it would be a most difficult move. Talmadge's proposal is to lease the schools to a representative private individual in each county and then give scholarship aid at $200.00 a child to the parents of every school age child. Then the parents would turn the money over to the respective private individual. He also said that he will not cross the bridge until he comes to it, which means that he will do nothing until the Court rules. He further said that, as Georgia is not a party to any of the suits that gives him still more time.

I see the problems and complicated involvements of the question you raise, but I am far from being lawyer enough to have any answers. My guess it that in Talmadge's case he would try, in some way, to limit his aid to schools having no religious affiliation, but that would not fit Burns' proposal.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/allo

September 25, 1953

Rev. Raymond Bernard, S. J.
Social Order
3655 West Pine Boulevard
St. Louis 8, Missouri

Dear Mr. Bernard:

Here are my answers.

I have made an outline of the 1000 word paper you want, otherwise, and hope to get it off soon.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

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September 25, 1953

1. The near - elimination of racial distinctions in the armed forced of the United States, as providing for all young people in the Services experience of the growing purpose in this constitutional democracy to see to it that citisens shall not be discriminated against on ground of race.

2. The transition to genuinely equal and greatly stepped-up educational opportunity for all. Racial distinctions are incompatible with acquisition of the American standards of knowledge and skill.

September 28, 1953

Mr. Paul Waitman
1346 Connecticut Avenue
Room 504
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Waitman:

I sent you two things on Saturday.

Here are Henry Lee Moon's figures.

They are given on page seven of a paper presented by him July 10, 1953 at the Institute of Race Relations, Fisk University.

Estimated Negro Registration in 12 Southern States, 1952

State	Number Registered Negro Voters
Alabama	30,000
Arkansas	60,000
Florida	120,900
Georgia	146,000
Louisiana	120,000
Mississippi	23,000
North Carolina	100,000
Oklahoma	65,000
South Carolina	110,000
Tennessee	150,000
Texas	205,000
Virginia	70,000
Total	1,200,100

Do help us push our new pamphlet. Mr. William Oliver was here lately and proposed that the CIO obtain twenty or thirty thousand of them (with the label!) and get them out widely in the CIO.

Do further that if you can. These weeks are precious.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

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September 29, 1953

The Librarian
Duke University
Durham, North Carolina

My dear Sir:

On September 26th, I boxed and sent to you express collect, Lucy Mason's papers, custody of which you so kindly accepted.

Miss Mason is most appreciative of your willingness to take over the files.

I am satisfied that some years from now, they will be found to contain much material of historical value.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

GSM/allo

September 29, 1953

Mr. Victor Kotun
Muhlenberg College
Allentown, Pa.

Dear Victor:

I am so glad things seem to straighten out some. Do not thank me thank Frank Loescher. The kind of guy I most admire is such a man as Frank, who acts as need is.

If later on you want me to go over to Dr. Johnson's home and pick up some of your things, I will be very glad to do it. Also I will be glad, if you will give me directions, to go to Morehouse and box up your books and ship them prepaid to you.

Incidentally, I have not got any plans for getting up that way at Christmas time, but if any comes up I will let you know, and we can ride down here together.

Weidiger promised me today that he will tomorrow urge the Philadelphia Rotary to make you a grant.

I do not know anybody in Allentown. Wish I did. But keep Grays' name by you and go and see him, and go and see Ira Reid, too.

I called Benny Mays and told him that you would not be back - that you were at Muhlenberg. Carefully did not go into why.

If you have not written to Mays or to Braseal, it is my uninformed opinion that you should write either, or both of them and express your appreciation for Morehouse College's kindness to you during last year. W College is a true mother and loves all her children forever.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

GSM/allo

September 29, 1953

Mr. George T. Guernsey
Congress of Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, Northwest
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear George:

If the panel should come on Monday October 26th, I would be willing to go, even at out expense. But on the 27th and 28th, I had promised to be at Lexington, Kentucky.

One of the best people in this field is Irene Osborne right there in Washington. AFSC. Call her. 104 "C" Street, Northwest.

Myles Horton knows about it and has done things in that field. You could find somebody through Dean Charles Thompson of the School of Education at Howard University.

Mrs. A. D. Kelley, Executive Director of the Negro Branch of the YWCA, Charleston, South Carolina (106) Coming Street - Telephone - Charles 6142, has been running a bi-racial discussion group on these issues. I have never met her but understand she is excellent. That would be somebody directly from the Southern field. I expect the expenses would have to be found.

William Oliver was here lately and proposed that the CIO obtain twenty or thirty thousand of the new pamphlets (with the label.) and get them out widely in the CIO. Do further that if you can. These weeks are precious.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

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September 29, 1953

Mrs. Mildred S. Hatch
8 Pine Street,
St. Johnsbury, Vermont

Dear Mrs. Hatch:

I am sorry to be so late with a reply to your letter of September 21st but have been trying to get some information from Mrs. Tilly who knows this region better than I, and she has been out of the office.

She suggest that you send your cards to the Bethlehem Centers this year. You may know something about these centers, but in case you are not familiar with them, they are run in cities in the South (and possiblly in the North) they work with children in the Negro community, especially those who need day-time care, and they also have program activities for young people. We both think that they could make good use of your cards for their craft classes and groups and that they then might be passed on to hospitals or orphanages as scrap books, etc.

Attached is a list of the Centers in this area. I am sure that any of them would be most appreciative of your gifts.

Do call on us again if we can be of help.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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Bethlehem Community Center
9 McDonough Blvd., SE
Atlanta, Georgia

Miss Fannie Bame
Bethlehem Center
Augusta, Georgia

Miss Ruby Berkley
William Johnson Bethlehem Center
920 N. Blair St.,
Jackson, Miss.

Miss Margaret Hodkins
Bethlehem Center
301 S. Caldwell Street,
Charlotte, N. C.

Miss Annie McI. Rogers
397 Highland Ave.,
Spartanburg, S. C.

There are surely many others, but these are the ones for whom I have addresses.

September 30, 1953

My dear Mrs. Childs:

You have an excellent woman in Mrs. A. D. Kelly at your YW on Coming Street. She is doing a pioneering thing on a discussion group about the schools and the courts. I am trying to do all over the South what she is trying to do in Charleston. She wrote me in some blueness today, saying she is up against timidity and the deep-freeze. Smile. That is my language, not hers.

Maybe you are already working with her hand and glove.

I have got a notion though, that if you would go and see her and advise her some, and encourage her some it would be a good thing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

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September 30, 1953

Miss June Shagaloff,
Field Secretary
NAACP Legal Defense and
Educational Fund, Inc.
107 West 43rd Street,
New York 36, N. Y.

Dear Miss Shagaloff:

I will do my best to answer your two letters. The second one is easier than the first.

On the first one: SRC's area is 13 Southern States from Virginia to Texas and Oklahoma. We do not cover and do not know much about Maryland, Delaware or Missouri. Within the 13 Southern States in SRC's area there has been almost no change from a segregated to a non-segregated pattern in public schools. I will list the exceptions later.

Now for the second lot:

1. Harrold Trigg has been a member of the North Carolina State School Board for two or three years. Raleigh, North Carolina has or has had lately Negro school board members.

New Port News, Virginia appointed C. W. Scott to its school board, March 1952. Lynchberg, Virginia appointed Carl B. Hutcherson to its school board April, 1953. Richmond, Virginia appointed Booker T. Bradshaw to its school board.

Nashville, Tennessee appointed Coyness L. Ennix to its school Board January, 1952. Darlington, South Carolina appointed G. Perry Gandy to its school board January, 1951.

Maryland appointed Dwight O. W. Holmes to its State Board of Education June, 1951.

Kentucky has had Negro representation on its school board since 1944. Atlanta, Georgia elected Rufus E. Clement to its City school board May, 1953. Augusta, Georgia elected W. C. Ervin to its City school board. November, 1952.

2. The following towns have elected Negroes to the City Council or Board of Aldermen.

Richmond, Virginia had a Negro City Counselor for one term about 1951-52. Also, Atlanta, Georgia in May 1953 elected A. T. Walden and Miles G. Amos to the City Executive Committee, which is to say elected them to serve on the Executive Committee of the Democratic party for the City. Winston Salem, North Carolina similarly elected Mrs. Sarah Marash to serve on its City party executive committee, April 1953.

Nashville, Tennessee has had two members of its City Council for a couple of years. One is Z. A. Looby and the other is Robert E. Lillard.

3. Too big a question to answer. In the CIO, steel, automobile, packing house workers, textile workers, wood workers, wholesale-retail and other principle unions customarily operate without separate local unions.

In the A.F. of L., it is my general observation that those unions which organise industrial plants having largish proportions of Negro workers form local unions with comparatively little distinction along lines of race. Some have mixed locals and some still have separate locals, but the tendency toward mixed locals that would go, typically, for the A. F. of L. paper workers and chemical workers. I do not know acurately the situation in the industrial wing of the Machinists. Old-line craft unions in the A. F. of L. in the South either do not admit Negroes or organise them in separate locals; that is my observation in the building trades and the shop-crafts and in the printing trades. So far as I know, all Southern State Federation of Labor have now for years past had numerous Negro delegates or officers. Same would be true for State Industrial Union Councils (CIO).

4. See attached list.

5. Burgundy Farms County Day School, Alexandria, Va.; Catholic Parochial schools in Fort Smith, Arkansas, St. Louis, Missouri, Washington, D. C., Wilmington, Delaware, Elkton, Maryland, Salisburg, Maryland.

The only public ones I know of a certainty are those at Hockessin, Delaware and Arden Delaware.

I have been told that the public High School at Fayetteville, Arkansas intended to admit, this fall, the six Negro high school children residents in the town, but I do not know whether they have admitted them or not. Last year they hauled the seven Negro high school children forty odd miles each week over the hump of the Ozark Mts. to a Negro high school at Fort Smith and boarded several of them therefor the weekdays.

It is rumored that in some other Ozark mountain county in Arkansas, one or more Negro children are attending public, otherwise-white schools, but I

have no means of varifying the rumor.

I strongly suppose that in some counties in Western Texas Negro children are attending other-wise white schools, but I have no proof.

I see that in answering number five I have answered as best I could number six.

We are anxious to be just as helpful to you as we can and will gladly send you what we can get toward answering similar questions.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

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October 1, '53

Dear Mr. Stewart,

Mighty nice of you. If you will really be free to drive me from the airport at Oklahoma City down to Norman on this coming Sunday afternoon I will be extremely grateful, and the run will give us a chance to be acquainted.

I arrive at the airport at Oklahoma City on American's flight 478, reaching the airport at 4.32 PM. Central Standard Time., Sunday, October 4.

The first meeting of the A F of L school will be at 8.00 that evening, at the North Campus. It isn't my meeting, and I don't know of a certainty that it is generally open, but I am sure you would be welcome. Though I doubt that the proceedings, mostly about setting up the classes, would be of much interest!

Dinner with your group for Tuesday night sounds most inviting. We can talk about that on Sunday.

If you don't show at the airport I'll suppose that something else came up, and will call you on Monday.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell

50, whitish hair, six feet, brown topcoat, leather briefcase, glasses!

exercise of that skill. Alex and I rattle about in the vaccum like two cubic centimeters of air in an airless tube sub-continental in size.

We say that if the Fund for the Republic will put up the money, we can elaborate a good and honest race relations service in each Southern state and conduct it through a first critical five-year period. I think at the end of five years such a service would be picked up and kept intact by many of the Southern states, or in default of public support, private money. Thus honest grooves would be cut for getting state agencies which fairly soon could run along without the aid of foundation subsidy.

If that notion could be got to Mr. Dearmont it would do good.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

GSM/allo

October 2, 1953

Mr. S. W. Curtis,
Executive Secretary
Florida State Teachers Association
Post Office Box 726
Clearwater, Florida

Dear Mrs. Curtis:

Many thanks for your letter of September 25th. I appreciate your taking the matter up with the Board, and I am grateful for that friendly interest.

These are golden weeks in which to get an educational effort made before the Supreme Court gives out its decision. So I wait additional weeks before your members in Florida begin to use the pamphlet. Can not you speed it up? The Georgia State Teachers and Educational Association has already bought 1000 copies and sent them out. We let them go to the Georgia group 10¢ each and can do the same thing for you.

If you are going to get some but the treasury is too low now to buy them, why not order them and let us send them and you get them out now and pay us in six weeks or so.

We are still hoping also that your Association will see its way clear to making a goodly contribution directly to our Council. We are pushing this business as hard as we can on the slimmiest resources, and we need just such help as two or three hundred dollars from the Florida State Teachers Association would mean.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

GSM/allo

October 2, 1953

Hon. James W. Dorsey
U. S. Attorney
Post Office Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Our warm thanks for the time and research that went into your reply of July 3 to the Southern Regional Council's inquiry as to possible Federal prosecution of the Rev. Mr. Craft, of Clayton, Georgia, for use of the mails in uttering what the Council considers libellous statements in the April, 1952 issue of his paper, One Methodist Voice.

Our Executive Committee has considered the matter, and I am instructed to write you that the Council does not at this time wish to push the possible case. We are impressed by the value of the action of the North Georgia Conference of the Methodist Church in its condemnation of Mr. Craft and his publication, and incline to the view that action will adequately steer public opinion,

With warm appreciation of your care in reviewing the matter, I am

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

GSM/allo
cc. Leonard Haas
Morris Abram

October 2, 1953

Mr. Ossie Lee Smith

Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Ossie:

I am sorry Deer has left. Good man. I will write him in his new job.

Meanwhile though the effort may be mountainous would you contrive such a spasm of life and activity in the Arkansas Division of SRC as would get it to buy two or three hundred copies of the pamphlet and mail it out from within Arkansas to appropriate state and local school officials? Supposed to be 12¢ apiece, but we could ship them to you for 10¢ apiece. I think most of the Divisions will do that, and I hope Arkansas will.

I suppose you have got an Arkansas Association of Negro teachers. Can you not find the Secretary over there and ask him to buy 1000 and mail them out to his members? The Negro teachers in Georgia have done that. And I have asked all the other associations to do it. When they met at Orangeburg in August they all said they would. I could not get the name and address of the Arkansas Association, so I have never asked them. That job is up to Ossie Lee Smith.

This little pamphlet is really bang-up and used widely by local discussion groups. It will build an understanding public opinion ahead of the Supreme Court's decision.

I think I have given you the steer and I beg you, please to get busy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

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October 8, 1953

Miss Dorothy I. Height
Leadership Services
National Board, YWCA
600 Lexington Avenue,
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Miss Height:

Dr. Mitchell is our of town all of this week. Since you wanted the Council's material on the schools, and there would be so long a delay in any reply which he could send, I am taking the liberty of sending you this material.

I send you separately a pamphlet "Wanted: An Educated South" published in 1947 and based on the 1940 census figures. Some of it may still be pertinent. In addition I have included all the issues of NEW SOUTH dealing in any way with education. These were issued between June, 1950 and July 1953. You have the latest "Questions and Answers" one so that is not sent. The next issue of NEW SOUTH which should be out next week, is a checklist for use by local groups in their study of the white and Negro schools. I'll send a copy of that as soon as it is available.

Dr. Mitchell will probably have suggestions to send you when he is back.

I'm glad that I can still keep in touch with the YWCA and know what is going on. Sounds as if things are going well. Do come and see us in Atlanta some day - I'd like to hear about India and your other activities.

Let us know if we can be helpful - whenever.

Best wishes,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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October 13, 1953

Miss Josephine Wilkins
Studio 3,
455 East 57th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Josephine:

About the middle of July Dr. Mitchell got a letter from a Mr. L. W. Douglas of Tucson, Arizona, inviting him as Executive Director of the Council, to attend a luncheon meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria being held by the N.C.C.J. This was to be a planning meeting for a conference to be held in Washington sometime this winter to deal with "Moral and Spiritual Recources for Brotherhood".

Since he could not be in New York at that time (and hardly thought it worth a trip just for that) Dr. Mitchell asked me to find from among our New York members some person who might represent us. We didn't know you would be there for so long a time, so didn't ask you, though we knew you'd be the perfect person. We chose Miss Carolin Flexner, one of Senator Lehman's assistants, got permission from Mr. Douglas for her to be our representative, and her promise to attend the meeting. Now we have a letter from her saying that, because of a serious injury to her knee, she will not be able to go to the luncheon.

You know all about these N.C.C.J. affairs. They need somebody there to make constructive suggestions and help to keep their feet on the ground. So, if you are to be in New York on that day - it's Tuesday, October 27th, could you attend as the SRC representative? We would be most grateful. Miss Flexner has all the information about the meeting and will be glad to send it to you. Just call her at her office (Phone Eldorado 5-1182) and she'll send it to you. And if you can let us know that you will go, we will inform Mr. Douglas of the change in people.

Many thanks for all you do for the Council. We rock along, so far without any real crisis.

I hope New York and the United Nations continue to be as exciting as they have been for you. Best wishes.

October 14, 1953

Mr Jack Schuyler, Editor
International Labor Directory
Frederick A Praeger, Inc., Publishers
105 West 40th Street,
New York 18, N Y

Dear Mr Schuyler:

This organization is named the Southern Regional Council, Inc. Office: 63 Auburn Avenue, N E, Atlanta 3, Georgia. Telephone: WAlnut 7963. Officers are:

Marion A Wright, Linville Falls,	President
Carter Wesley, Houston	Vice-President
Gordon B Hancock, Richmond	Vice-President
Alfred Mynders, Chattanooga	Vice-President
George S Mitchell, Atlanta	Executive Director
Katherine Stoney "	Secretary-Treasurer
Harold C Fleming "	Director of Information
Mrs M E Tilly "	In Charge of Women's Work

We have voluntary officers of State Branches in North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana and Kentucky; and cooperative agreements with similar organizations in Virginia, Georgia and Texas.

The southern states have very little organization of this kind. Dade County, Florida, has a Commission on Human Relations which may be addressed, for the time being, through Prof M Ross, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida. St Petersburg, Florida, has a St Petersburg Council on Human Relations, of which the Secretary is Mrs H C Rivkind, 3245 - 20th Avenue, S., St Petersburg, Florida. That is about the crop.

An organization called the Southern Conference Education Fund has its head office at 832 Perdido Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. The

Mr. Jack Schuyler

October 14, 1953

Executive Secretary is James Dombrowski.

Our Council is accurately described by the motto at the head of this letter:

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples of the South.

We have many Labor friends and get some welcome Labor support.

Sincerely yours,

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

October 15, 1953

Prof John R Bross
Division of the Social Sciences
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Mr Bross:

This confirms my undertaking, by 'phone this morning, to be available at Talladega on Tuesday, November third, for a twelve o'clock talk to students.

I will drive over and expect to reach your office about eleven A M. I hope I can bring Mrs Mitchell with me. We are driving on back to Atlanta that afternoon.

It is a little hard to know what to talk about at the chapel appearance. I have never tried to discuss the segregation in the schools issue in so short a time as eighteen or twenty minutes, but I could try if that is what is needed.

I have another speech called the "Rules of Industrial Society" which shows that we have to have equality all around to keep going. You tell me what you want and I will try to do it. Only let me know ahead of time.

The thing I do well is a map speech on the blackboard, but that is for classrooms.

Sincerely yours,

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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Same letter to all state division chairmen

October 15, 1953

Mr. Ocie Lee Smith
1500 Bishop St.
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I am sending under separate cover a report of a self-survey of their Negro community made by the people of Shreveport, La.

Similar to the Greenville, S. C. self-survey made several years ago, the Shreveport study was sponsored by a citizens' committee of whites and Negroes and involved the participation of many persons of both races.

A permanent interracial committee and a number of other community improvements have already developed as a result of the survey.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Survey Assistant

October 16, 1953

Mr Roscoe Giffin
Department of Sociology
Berea College
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Roscoe:

Many thanks for letters of October 7 and 12. Good footwork in Kentucky as usual.

Katherine Stoney hereby receipts you for the $2.25 you kindly sent.

The Kentucky division of S R C must have some money in its treasury, and might, in a pinch, finance the distribution you want. Of course, entirely up to the Kentucky division.

Speed is important because these are the precious weeks. Forget not that Carey Robertson, who runs the Sunday edition of the Courier-Journal is my cousin.

The North Carolina division is mailing the pamphlet out to the membership of local school boards. The Florida division will do the mailing and I think the Alabama one. The Georgia State Teachers and Education Association has mailed out eleven hundred.

Your Committee sounds excellent.

Meanwhile, here is the follow-up one. I mail you one with this and 25 separately. If you can see ways to get it moving out for discussion groups, so much the better.

Kentucky, of course, is going to have a lead-horse role in this business, so you need the very widest distribution of both pamphlets.

The report on the present status of segregation in Southern schools is being financed by the fund for the advancement of education of the Ford Foundation. The active head of it hereabouts is Phil Hammer, but Harold Fleming, of our office, is doing a great deal of the editorial writing. Their quick, but well

Mr Roscoe Griffin
T W O
October 16, 1953

done basic reports are in and the editing job is being frantically done against a deadline of the end of this week. I have no direct connection with the project and don't know what happens to the report when completed. But whatever use is made of it will be helpful to our project of getting the South educated on the issue.

I would send out copies of the Questions and Answers to those who were in the Hazen Conference.

Sincerely yours,

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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October 16, 1953

Mrs Ruby Stutts Lyells
1116 Montgomery Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs Lyells:

Here is the new follow-up pamphlet. One for quick, and 25 coming.

Meanwhile, will you not seriously see if you can move the Mississippi Division to make a mailing of either or both of the two pamphlets to appropriate people in the state. The North Carolina Division is mailing it out to members of local school boards and to school superintendents. The Kentucky Division is mailing it out to hundreds of people who were recently made committee members on a state-wide school survey. The Florida Division is mailing it out; so is Alabama and Louisiana. How about Mississippi?

I know it may be tough with Mr Long gone or going; but you can find a vice president and call a telephone meeting and start doing it. We will send any number you want of Questions and Answers at 12¢ each and Check List for 8 cents, plus postage.

Busy as you are, you ought to make this move soon, because these are the precious weeks. After the Court has spoken, partisanship will close minds. Right now people can still be taught something.

Sincerely yours,

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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October 16, 1953

Mr O D Duncan
Oklahoma A & M College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear Mr Duncan:

I had a good time in your state, and I am deeply sorry that I did not get up to Stillwater. I met Geis and Marr and one or two others at Norman, and renewed my old acquaintance with J J Rhyne. Saw Mr Ballyat briefly.

Mr Jimmy Stewart and his many friends, including Mrs Cenria Johnson and Mrs Atkins, were most kind to me. Jimmy took me to a dinner whooping up the Community Chest drive among the Negro group, and let me go also to a meeting of the Oklahoma City Branch of the N A A C P, and later on arranged a small luncheon at the lovely new Y M C A. All in all, I felt I had quite the run of Oklahoma City.

And I like Oklahoma! A nice blend of western-ness and southern-ness. Good everyday folks. The picture that stays in my mind is of a youngish white woman, with touches of western dress, and more touches of poverty, driving her two small children down the main drag in an open jeep. It looked competent and self-sufficient.

Honestly, you know Oklahoma could drop segregation any old week. It just looked plain silly to have a Negro waiting room in the bus station at Norman!

I have since written Mr C A Jackson and asked his Association of Negro Teachers in the state to buy a flock of copies of our pamphlet and spread them around. Meanwhile, you will have the new one which is Check List. Idea is for a local discussion group to learn the issue through Questions and Answers and dig out the facts with Check List. I bespeak your interest, as our Board member thereabouts, in getting them put to wide use in the state.

I honestly think that if Oklahoma would study the business some, it could lead the whole South in dropping an institution now plainly antique.

Mr O D Duncan

T W o

October 16, 1953

I saw at Oklahoma University one or two undergraduates who are Negroes. No lawsuits - they are just there.

Anyway, got me as a warm admirer of your good state!

Sincerely yours,

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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October 16, 1953

Mr John Miklos, Assistant Professor
Public Service Training Center
General Extension Division of Florida
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mr Miklos:

I am sorry, but there is almost nothing in our files that would be helpful in your research.

I expect the Dade County Commission on Human Rights, to be reached through Prof Mike Ross, of the University of Miami, at Coral Gables, would have some files; and Gilbert Balkin, of the Anti-Defammation League, B'nai B'rith, 330 Seybold Building, Miami, has probably got an excellent clippings file. Seymour Samet, Southern representative of the American Jewish Committee, 213 N E Second Avenue, Miami, might be helpful. If you could catch up with Mrs Ines White, 753 Highland, Eau Gaillie, Florida, she might have something. She is a Methodist Church worker, much traveled over the state, and shares our interest in matters interracial. Would not have her material organized; but you could organize a lot of material from the things she knows.

Your Professor Al Lewis, in the Educational Department, knows a good deal about these matters also. In a pinch, too, you might get some information from the Secretary of the Urban League at Jacksonville and at Tampa. What about the Department of Human Relations or whatever it is at the University of Tampa?

Mrs H C Rivkind, St Petersburg Council on Human Relations, 3245 - 20th Avenue, S., St Petersburg, Florida. Try her. A distinguished person in the state who has long experience in the matter of civil rights violations is Richard P Daniel, 1100 Florida National Bank Building, Jacksonville 2, Florida.

The New York address of the N A A C P is 20 West 40th Street.

You ought to join our Council. There is a blank on the back of the grey leaflet. I send also our latest two pamphlets in the spreading of which, for discussion group use, I bespeak your help.

Sincerely yours,

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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October 20, 1953

Mr Giles L Zimmerman, Executive Director
International House of Philadelphia
3905 Spruce Street
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr Zimmerman:

I am deeply grateful for all the new and many friends have done in getting Victor Kotun in and happily established at Muhlenberg. You have all been most generous of time and thought and friendship. The boy writes me that he is mighty happy where he is.

I have talked with Kendall Weisiger of the Atlanta Rotary Foundation. Kendall convinces me that he is beyond his depth on financing of African students just at this time and still hopes that the Philadelphia Club can make an exception to its rule and turn up a grant or a loan to Victor.

I checked with the Dean's office at Morehouse. They assure me that Victor's transcript was sent on to Muhlenberg September 16.

I have a letter from Victor asking me to obtain his belongings and books and get them duly sent off to him and I will attend to that.

If I had any money, I would sent it to the boy. But I haven't got any.

Appreciatively,

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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October 21, 1953

Mr Paul Sifton
U A W - C I O
1129 Vermont Avenue
Washington, D C

Dear Paul:

I talked to Paul Williams and he mentioned the possibility of the Questions and Answers pamphlet being widely used by the C I O.

The shop which prints for us is now fully unionized and the latest edition has the union label. One herewith.

It is already in type and available with the union label; and we could supply it for you probably at a lesser price than it would come to if you had to have it set up again.

I hope you will consider letting us supply it because there might be some tiny increment to our resources from that. But what is primarily wanted is for the pamphlet to be read and used and if it would markedly suit you better to reproduce it, that is all right with us of course.

Sincerely yours,

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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October 21, 1953

Mr. P. J. Lorenz
LeMoyne College
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Lorenz:

The Southern Regional Council made a survey of segregation practices in public libraries in the South in January of this year. A full report is to be published soon--probably in November or December--and at present I can only give you a brief run-down on our findings.

The survey covered 172 towns and cities in thirteen Southern states: (1) all towns of 20,000 or more population in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas; (2) all towns of 10,000 or more population in Kentucky and Virginia (dropped down lower here as thought more integration in process); and (3) an additional fifteen towns throughout the South not in either population category reported to be non-segregated by newspsper accounts or earlier surveys.

Librarians in the main public libraries in the towns covered were asked if Negroes in their community had free use of the main library, free use of branch libraries and representation on the library board.

The summary table below indicates the number of localities in each state where non-segregated service is offered:

	Localities where Negroes have free use of main library	Localities where limited service is given to Negroes at main library	Localities where one or more branches gives service regardless of race
Kentucky	21	1	1
Texas	18	3	2
Virginia	6	1	3
N. Carolina	4	4	1
Tennessee	4	0	1
Oklahoma	3	0	1
Florida	2	6	2
Arkansas	1	1	0
Louisiana	0	6	0
Alabama	0	1	0
Georgia	0	1	0

According to the questionnaires returned there were no towns in Mississippi or South Carolina having any type of integrated public library service.

With the exception of several communities such as Little Rock, Nashville and Knoxville, where main libraries are open to adult Negroes, "free use" applies to both adults and children and implies unrestricted use of the library.

Localities indicating the following or similar restrictions in Negro use of the main libraries are classified as giving "limited service" to Negroes in the central libraries: (1) permit Negro use of reference material, films or special collections only; (2) allow direct borrowing service only for books not in Negro branch collection; (3) serve special Negroes, such as teachers or professional persons; (4) set aside special tables or corners for Negro users.

Since our questionnaires did not include a checklist of the specific facilities which might be included in "free use" of the library, it is quite possible that in some instances where librarians claim Negroes have "free use" there are actually restrictions as to attendance at programs, use of rest rooms, etc. Comments indicated that librarians interpreted "free use" in the sense we meant it--that is, unrestricted use--as the limitations mentioned above and others were noted, or inclusiveness of Negro use cited.

Localities where Negroes have use of the main libraries vary from small towns to metropolitan cities. The list includes Miami, Fla.; Lexington, Louisville and Paducah, Ky.; Burlington, Avery County and Yancey County, N. C.; Norman, Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Okla.; Austin, Amarillo, Corpus Christi, El Paso, Houston, San Antonio and Texarkana, Tex.; and Fredericksburg, Newport News, Norfolk and Roanoke, Va. The four localities giving service to Negroes on an unrestricted basis in Tennessee are Chattanooga, Hardin County, Knoxville (adults) and Nashville (adults). Chattanooga extended main library service to Negroes in 1949. Knoxville has been serving Negroes for two years, Nashville, for three.

Thus far few suits have been filed to break down segregation in public libraries of the South.

In 1928 Anderson H. Brown filed suit against the Board of Education of Charleston, West Virginia, to gain use of the public library which was under the control of the board. The court ruled that the library is not a part of the public school system within the meaning of the constitutional provision for separate schools and that the governing body of the library may not exclude persons on account of race or color.

In 1939 <u>George Wilson v. Katherine H. Scroggin, Librarian of the Alexandria, Va. Library</u> was dismissed on a procedural ground; the petitioner had not made proper application for a card. The judge's decision, however, stated: "Inasmuch as the City Council has not provided a separate library for the colored race, upon a proper showing mandamus would lie to require the librarian to issue reading cards and facilities to such members of the colored race as come within the above description (of library rules for obtaining card and use of library)." Shortly after the ruling Alexandria set up a Negro branch and to our knowledge Negroes do not at present have access to the main public library.

While a suit was pending in Newport News, Va. in 1950 the City Council voted to open the library to Negroes. The press reported that Attorney William H. Thompson, petitioner, appeared before the City Council, recommending that the public library be made available to all citizens. When the city councilmen suggested that a Negro branch might be established, Thompson replied that this was "utterly ridiculous." Soon after the library was opened.

Generally, library boards or city councils have decided to open their libraries voluntarily when pressure from individual Negroes, Negro organizations or Negro and white citizens' committees has been brought to bear upon those in control.

In Louisville, Ky., for example, Mrs. J. H. Walls, wife of a Negro physician, spearheaded a long and patient campaign to open the library to Negroes. Beginning in 1941, Mrs. Walls requested that the library facilities of Louisville be made available. In 1948 the main library was opened; now all branch libraries in Louisville are open to Negroes.

Last year the Austin, Texas City Council abolished segregation at the main library when a Tillotson College professor pointed out that the Negro branch facilities were not equal to the central library and that there was no legal basis for such discrimination.

The librarian at Burlington, N. C. states: "Since the middle forties this library has been open to the Negroes on the same basis as the whites. A resolution of the Board of Trustees set this as a policy. I can truthfully say that they have had this service in actuality as well as in the letter of the law during the past four years."

The question of bond issues and Negro political strength enters the picture, of course. We are told that the tax issue had a great deal to do with the opening of the new million-dollar library in Miami. Negroes are politically articulate in Miami and when pressure to start the new library out on a non-segregated basis was brought to bear, the board quietly decided to so do.

Several librarians noted that they had moved into non-segregated service without giving the fact much publicity, feeling that the adjustment would be easier if done quietly. In the case of other libraries, such as Chattanooga, the board made a public statement which received wide press notice.

When the published survey is available I will forward a copy.

Two other sources you might consult: a Mrs. Louise Parker did a master's thesis at Atlanta University on library integration in the South which was completed this summer--the library school might have made some arrangements to have it published; the NEGRO HANDBOOK for 1949 lists main libraries which gave service to Negroes at that time.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

October 22, 1953

Mr H J Gibbons, Trustee
Joint Council of Teamsters No 13
1127 Pine Street
St Louis 1, Missouri

Dear Mr Gibbons:

That was most kind of you to pass on to your International President my letter of September thirteen asking for some much needed help.

I spent some time a couple of weeks ago with the Southern Labor School, A F L, at Oklahoma City. I kept my eyes open for someone from your area, but found no one who would have a leading link to you.

Meanwhile, here is another and our latest pamphlet for use by discussion groups.

I talked with a man from New Orleans who is working up a survey of the ways to work out the matter of segregation in the New Orleans schools. Told him about what your Local in St Louis had done and I am sure he will be taking a cue from you at New Orleans.

Sincerely yours,

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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October 23, 1953

Mr David Freeman
The Ford Foundation
655 Madison Avenue
New York 21, N Y

Dear Mr Freeman:

After Morris Abram's visit you very kindly wrote that I might send in word on further developments.

This year the job has been and is the schools. You remember our letter of last December (Item A), proposing a series of State School Committees, roughly paralleling official State School Boards, but honestly representing the whole community in each State. Each such Committee was to be served by the full-time personnel we want the Fund for the Republic to enable us to put into the various States. The Fund for the Republic was not then ready to act, and we have had to do what we could within our usual budget.

First thing was to get our people in each State to pick a volunteer who would bone up on the situation as to Negro and white schools, keep us informed, and work to build a helpful public opinion. Kentucky, Alabama, Virginia, South Carolina, Mississippi, Tennessee and New Orleans have done this, and we have a working relationship with our affiliated Committees in Georgia and Texas, and with North Carolina groups, to the same end. In the summer we convened the groups of volunteers or their alternates twice to discuss ways of proceeding. They asked for two pamphlets which they could use in getting local discussion groups going.

We put out the first in August and the second in September. Copies herewith as Item B. Questions and Answers develops the issue with accuracy and balance. The Check List enables a local group to get the facts on present differences between white and Negro schools locally so that assessment can be made of the impact in a given community of whatever changes may be indicated by the Supreme Court's pending decision. We've done a vigorous job of getting the two booklets into use out over the South. Description of the move-out in Item C.

In our own Council housekeeping, we've put ourselves organizationally in position to do the expanded program asked for in our original application of May, 1951. That involved adoption at our membership meeting last May of new by-laws, to come into effect at the discretion of the Executive Committee. They will make the Southern Regional Council itself into a Board of Directors. Each State organization is to have its own membership (starting with the present base of SRC members in the States, who would go into the reorganized State groups), its own Board and, with SRC's help and we hope that of the Fund for the Republic, paid staff. The Board of the Council itself would retain policy control over the State organizations as long as they depend upon SRC for help in paying their staffs, but each State organization would work toward full support from within its own State, and thereafter any link with the Southern Regional Council would be voluntary and merely federal. The change involved choice of a new Board of Directors for the Council, listed (with the new by-laws) in Item D.

On funds, the major contribution has been the twenty thousand from the Ford Foundation. We've more than matched that with support from a broad variety of people and organizations, but we have not yet found large-scale support, as distinct from many small amounts, from within the South. A report on the year thus far is Item E.

The Council is ready and eager to undertake the action follow-up job that will need doing in the wake of the report from the Fund for the Advancement of Education on the school emergency in the South. We have the loyalty of the people who are the South's conscience in these matters, we have the organizational structure to work through, and, most important, exemplify the non-racial public-mindedness that is needed. For specifics, see Marion Wright's letter to the Fund for the Republic of March 2, 1953. (Item F).

Finally, we propose a self-liquidating program. What really occurred in race relations in the United States during and since World War II is of great interest. Essentially it was that a skill in solving matters of racial conflict, worked out by the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation (which preceded the Southern Regional Council) was consciously (and with Foundation aid) transferred to Northern states and cities. They have picked it up organizationally and now maintain, usually at public expense, the range of State and municipal commissions on human relations which are today an indispensable feature of the life of those Northern and Western communities which have substantial minority-group problems. The South has not yet been ready to support such services from public funds. One Southern city alone (Miami) has even a publicly authorized agency of this kind, and that lives without public money. Neither have our best efforts turned up the kind of support of corporations and of the well-to-do which would enable the work to be spread into localities profession-wise with integrity and faithfulness to the proper ambitions of the Negro community. But the pace of change is rapid. I am persuaded that if the needed service is built into each Southern state, with help mainly from the Fund for the Republic, within a five-year period grooves can be cut along which

these State and local agencies will move usefully and with local public or private support for as long as their services are needed. But the services must be put there, for the South to see and experience.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell

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October 26, 1953

Mr Milton C Rose, Secretary
William C Whitney Foundation
120 Broadway
New York 5, N Y

Dear Mr Rose:

We would be most grateful if the William C Whitney Foundation would consider whether or not it could still in this year aid the Southern Regional Council. Mr Straight is here and has suggested that we write.

We are carrying a heavy load in educating the South on the issues coming up as to the Supreme Court's decision on the schools and we think we are doing a great deal of good. But we are at the end of the rope on funds and hardly know how to get through the coming couple of months.

We have covered much of the Southern states through our local SRC State Divisions which have picked people as volunteers who are building up special knowledge of the problem in every State. We have no money to pay them salaries; but we do pay their modest expenses for traveling over their states.

We have put out quite recently the enclosed two pamphlets directly on the school question. They are to be widely used by local discussion groups. The first develops the issues and the second enables a local group to find the facts. Wherever we can get such a group going, we think it is quite important in influencing the setting of public opinion when the Court has given its decision. Incidentally, these are the precious weeks in which to do an educational job of this kind because people are open-minded and curious as of today but will divide into partisanship once the Court has given its decision.

The sale of the pamphlets has been truly remarkable; and I enclose a sample of the way they have been going.

Mr Milton C Rose
T w o
October 26, 1953

That's our job for the next few months and we greatly need the strength which the William C Whitney Foundation can give us for doing it with a firmer base under us here at home.

Do look down toward the bottom of the barrel and see what can be found!

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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October 26, 1953

Mr. Perry A. Taylor
Tampa Urban League
1615 Lamar Ave.
Tampa, Fla.

Dear Mr. Taylor:

I am glad to hear that your proposed study of the Negro community in Tampa has been completed. Perhaps at a later date you will want to do a self-survey in some particular aspect of community life.

We will be interested in seeing a copy of your report and subsequent follow-through reports when available.

I am mailing under separate cover The Shreveport Story which summarizes the self-survey Shreveport recently completed.

Also am sending separately two new SRC pamphlets on the school segregation question. The first, Questions and Answers: The Courts and The Schools, is designed for use in discussion groups. The second, CHecklist for Local Schools is a guide for community study of local schools and the effect which segregation has had on schools.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Survey Assistant

Southern Regional Council, Inc
63 Auburn Avenue, N E
Atlanta, Georgia

October 27, 1953

Sample of paid orders received and filled, covering both Questions and Answers and Check List:

Girl Scouts of America, Region 5 - Atlanta	25
Butler Street Y M C A - Atlanta	100
Dr P W Hill - Clarksdale, Mississippi	20
Catholic Interracial Council of New York	40
Board of Home Missions - The Congregational Church	100
Morehouse College - Atlanta, Georgia	200
Virginia Council of Churches	200
Father Marvin Bordelon - Simmesport, Louisiana	10
American Friends Service Committee - Greensboro, North Carolina	100
Mississippi State Department of Education	2000
American Friends Service Committee - Philadelphia	100
American Friends Service Committee - Washington	250
The American Jewish Committee	100
North Carolina Council of Christ	100
Anti-Defammation League - B'nai B'rith - New York	500
Jewish Community Relations Council - St Louis	25
Mississippi Division - Southern Regional Council	200
Georgia Teachers & Education Association - Atlanta	2500
Superintendent of Schools of Suffolk County, Va	7
Public Affairs Forum of Y W C A - Atlanta	16
Florida A & M College - Tallahassee, Florida	23

Sample of Paid Orders -
Two
October 27, 1953

Arlington (Va) Council of Church Women	10
Board of Education - Methodist Church - Nashville, Tennessee	40
National Committee for Defense of Democracy Through Education - Washington, D C	25
National Student Council - Y W C A - So Region	25
National Board - Y W C A - Southern Region	40
Atlanta Urban League	12
Reverend Stephen Mackey - Charleston, S C	100
Carl B Hutcherson, Member, Board of Education, Lynchburg, Virginia	10
Prof H H Barnett, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary - Louisville, Kentucky	36
Kentucky State Teachers Association	400
Department of Christian Social Relations (Protestant Episcopal) Diocese of Virginia	40
N A A C P - Winston-Salem, North Carolina	6
Wofford College - Spartanburg, South Carolina	20
North Carolina Conference of Negro Colleges	50
Race Relations Institute, Fisk University Nashville, Tennessee	150
University of Miami (Florida)	25
Fellowship of Southern Churchmen - Durham-Raleigh(NC) area	20
North Carolina Division of Southern Regional Council - to members of local school boards	250
Students at Southern Labor School - A F L Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	50

Sample of Paid Orders
Three
October 27, 1953

Bishop S L Greene - A M E Church - Atlanta	50
Catholic Committee of the South	60
Anti-Defammation League - Richmond, Virginia	30
Tom Foster - Norman, Oklahoma	50
Commission of Human Relations - Kansas City, Kansas	10

Similar orders continue to come in.

October 27, 1953

Reverend George E Clary
631 E Victory Drive
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Reverend Clary:

The last annual membership meeting changed the by-laws about the Board. It chose fifty regularly elected members. Nearly all of that number have accepted and here is the list of those who have.

In addition, the President, Vice Presidents, General Counsel and Executive Director are members of the Board. Also, provision was made for the head or acting head of each State Division to be ex officio members of the Board of the Southern Regional Council, plus any other person whom the State Division or affiliated Committee might elect to be on the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. You can see why two. Most of the Chairmen are white and we wanted even-steven representation.

Please therefore put into your program for whatever is your next upcoming general meeting the matter of choosing one other person, presumably Negro, to be on the SRC Board as representing, along with you, the Georgia Division.

Sincerely yours,

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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October 27, 1953

Mr. E. E. Cleaver
Dunbar High School
Lufkin, Tex.

Dear Mr. Cleaver:

I have sent a copy of YOUR COMMUNITY LOOKS AT ITSELF under separate cover, along with two published reports of community self-surveys in Greenville, S. C. and Shreveport, La.

If you should need additional copies of the survey manual we will be glad to supply them at fifty cents each.

As you will see from the Greenville report, a self-study carried out by a good cross-section of the community can be a very effective tool in initiating community change. Please let us hear of the progress you make in your study.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Survey Assistant

Charge for material sent:

Pamphlets	.60
Postage	.26
	.86

Dunbar High School

E. E. CLEAVER, Principal

Lufkin, Texas
October 26, 1953

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Southern Regional Council

The Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Gentlemen:

The members of the Cooperative Community Planning committee have just completed initial prelinemtary plans for a study on Health and Sanitation Conditions among Negroes in Lufkin, Texas.

The committee was referred to you by Mr. Frank W. Hubbard, Director of Research Division of the National Education Association of the United States for reference materials in making this kind of study.

Manual
File
Follow up
Shreveport

We would like to have you send us the manual published by your council entitled Your Community Looks at Itself. If you have other reference materials that might be helpful in making this kind of study please send it to us along with the above mentioned manual.

Should there be charges please send C. O. D. or bill us.

Cordially yours,

E. E. Cleaver

E. E. Cleaver
Director, Research Committee

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October 27, 1953

Mr J M Dabbs, Chairman
South Carolina Division
S R C
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr Dabbs:

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Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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October 28, 1953

Dr Jacob Reddix, President
JACKSON COLLEGE
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr Reddix:

A few days ago Mrs Tilley convened a Southwide meeting of the church women leaders who are most active in a Council subsidiary called the Fellowship of the Concern. Object to bring about favorable opinion in the South to whatever may be the ultimate decision of the Supreme Court on school segregation.

One of the women present spoke most warmly of the Mound Bayou Annual Leadership Conference and thought we ought to explore means of getting it either nowabouts or at its meeting next April to help in circulating the enclosed two pamphlets.

That is obviously a good idea; but I have no ready access to those who conduct the Mound Bayou conference. Do you have any suggestions to make which might be helpful?

Mrs Lyells of the Mississippi Division has ordered two hundred of these pamphlets - one hundred of each - to mail out to local school officials throughout Mississippi; and the Mississippi State Board of Education wired us an order for one thousand of each!

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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Sent to:	Honorable	Oscar Richardson,	Member, State Board of Education,	Monroe, N C
	"	J A Pritchett,	" "	Windsor, N C
	"	A McL Graham	" "	Clinton, N C
	"	Charles F Carroll	State Supt of Public Instruction	Raleigh, N C
	"	A S Brower	Member, State Board of Education	Durham, N C
	"	Paal S Oliver	" "	Fairmont, N C
	"	Stanford Martin	" "	Winston-Salem
	"	Claude Farrell	" "	Elkin
	"	B B Dougherty	" "	Boone

October 28, 1953

Honorable Gerald Cowan, Member
State Board of Education
6 Greenwood Road
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear Mr Cowan:

At the request of the Reverend Leon Russell, of Greenville, Chairman of the North Carolina Division of the Southern Regional Council, I take pleasure in sending you a copy of a recent booklet published by the Council.

Questions and Answers is a careful and factual discussion of a critical issue and we hope you will find it of interest. It would do most good, we think, if widely used by local discussion groups.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

October 22, 1953

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

TO THE CHAIRMEN OF
SCHOOL BOARDS IN
NORTH CAROLINA:

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George S. Mitchell

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Executive Director

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October 29, 1953

Mr Marion Wright, President
Southern Regional Council, Inc
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

One of the Fund for the Advancement of Education's people, who has been working with the special study that they are making on schools, was in town a few days ago. Harold and others opened with him the matter of a recommendation on follow-up to come from the Negro college presidents. I am satisfied that the recommendation of the existing staff of the study will be in favor of SRC being the leading follow-up agency, but these things are chancy.

Mrs Tilly held a Southeastern meeting of leading church women a few days ago and got into their books the idea of getting them to press for Grand Jury findings at an appropriate time. That's a good one if we can get it done and I should think that we could.

The Board is now complete with fifty members. Bishop Clingman and Bishop Penick were the last two to be shepherded in.

We are living on "scrapings" for this last half of October. They amount now to $750.00 and I suppose will climb up by the 31st enough to get everyone paid though that will leave a telephone bill or two and some printing bills still out. I am hopeful that the A F L itself and the Philip Murray Foundation will each give us a thousand dollars, and I have been pulling what I hope are appropriate strings to that end. Miller & Rhoads, a big department store in Richmond, sent us $200.00 the other day. I have been after Paul Williams again for another effort in re Cardinal Stritch. I hope Tartt Bell does make an engagement for you with Mrs Cone as that still seems the most hopeful iron in the fire. My guess is that by Christmas time the answer will be available from the Fund for the Republic and our problem is to hold on 'til then.

The mimeograph project I think fizzles. Not certain it is to be done at all and our figures show that the clerical cost of so large a job will involve ten or twelve clerks for two or three weeks and about eat up the whole of the fee involved. So we are back where we were with about three thousand dollars to find to get us through December 31. I think the chances are good that I can dig up two thousand of it; do you redouble your efforts toward the third one.

Sincerely yours,
George S Mitchell - Executive Director

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October 29, 1953

Mr Edwin M Schaefer
St John's Evangelical & Reformed Church
Otto Texas

Dear Mr Schaefer:

We have supposed that one quite useful thing to do is to call, in as many communities as possible, local discussion groups together to talk over the issue and to find the difference between white and Negro schools in that area. To that end we have just got out these two booklets. The first one explores the issue and the second is planned to help a local group find the facts.

It is of course best that such discussion groups include both white and Negro citizens. Even if only ten or twelve people meet two or three times and study the two booklets and find the main facts, a basis will have been laid for community opinion favorable to some at least of the changes to come.

We have been trying hard to get the booklets used in this way. We have worked through practically all of the Church organizations and through Negro teachers in particular and somewhat with Labor organizations. The booklet has been sent to all of the white teachers' organizations also.

Texas is of course in a strategic position on the whole controversy. After all you have only a comparatively small number of counties with large Negro population. The great reaches of West Texas mostly run one, two and three per cent Negro population or less than one per cent. Therefore, in Texas, as in Tennessee, Oklahoma, Kentucky, and perhaps Arkansas, segregated schools are being maintained from border to border of the State really because a few counties have wanted it.

I think a helpful hint of the solution is offered in Page 13 of QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS from the State Superintendent of Schools in Kentucky. Of course, any solution of that kind depends upon what the Supreme Court says; but whatever the Court says will still be influenced in practise by local opinion. For example, you could, in a number of counties in Texas, build a prevailing opinion against segregation in the schools.

Mr Edwin M Schaefer

October 29, 1953

Dear Mr Schaefer:

Yes we are in full agreement with you that Negro schools and teachers have been neglected and have suffered from the effects of segregation. Perhaps Negro Teachers Association as a community local organization could be of great help in this area. Have you thought of having a local chapter in your school? Perhaps the Negro Teachers Association could be interested in sponsoring a local chapter. For information and suggestions write to Mrs J S Crate, 2410 Inwood Dr, Houston, Texas, is Chairman of the Texas Commission on Race Relations. She would be helpful I am sure. Well to be in touch, also, with your Association of Negro Teachers, The Secretary is

Mr Edwin M Schaefer
St John's Baptist & Methodist Church
Orbo Texas

Apart from your own community and your interdenominational group have you channels for spreading your interest to other communities? Mrs J S Crate, 2410 Inwood Drive, Houston, is Chairman of the Texas Commission on Race Relations. She would be helpful I am sure. Well to be in touch, also, with your Association of Negro Teachers. Perhaps Mrs Hazel Harvey, 1103 E Terrell Street, Fort Worth, might assist you with the teachers.

Would you be kin to our good friend H B Schaefer now over in South Carolina? He was Chairman of our forces when he was in Mississippi.

The QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS booklet is available in quantities at 12 cents each and CHECK LIST in quantities at 8 cents.

At Waco Mrs E F Jud, 501 N 35th Street, is Treasurer of the Texas Commission on Race Relations and would doubtless wish to be helpful.

We have thought a lot about just what you are thinking about and concluded that the most helpful measure is the local discussion groups. Hope you can get some moving. Let us know what we can do.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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October 29, 1953

Reverend Dan Whitsett
First Methodist Church
Sylacauga, Alabama

Dear Reverend Whitsett:

Various of the State Division of the Southern Regional Council have worked out plans for mailing one or both of the enclosed two pamphlets to useful people throughout their States. North Carolina is getting a copy of QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS sent to every member of County School Boards. Florida is sending them out. Louisiana has promised to do so. I am trying to stir up Arkansas on the subject; and Mississippi has already mailed out some hundreds of them.

Wouldn't you think this a useful thing to do in Alabama? You must have the needed eighty or a hundred dollars in the Treasury of the Alabama Division. If you have no means of handling the paper work, perhaps Tuskegee would do it, or we would be willing to address envelopes here if you would supply the list of people you would want them sent to. Then the addressed bundle could be sent over to you for dispatch. There should be a mimeographed letter from you to go along with the leaflets.

The QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS works out at 12 cents each in quantity and CHECK LIST at 8 cents.

Sincerely yours,

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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October 30, 1953

Mr R B Eleazer
213 Mockingbird Road
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr Eleazer:

Dr Will Alexander was here two or three days ago and we plotted various ways of getting still wider use of the QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS pamphlet and perhaps of the CHECK LIST by local discussion groups. The same business was taken up in a Southwide meeting of church women which Mrs Tilly arranged here October 20 and to which Thelma Stevens came.

The object of the whole business is to use these precious months before the Court gives its decision when people are open-minded to get local and, if possible, bi-racial groups to meet and, with QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, go through the issues and, with CHECK LIST, find the facts. Even six or seven people in a single community would do a lot of good.

I wrote Mr Schisler when we had projected the pamphlets; and then I sent him QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS and perhaps CHECK LIST. He acknowledged and so has received; but could you go and see him and lodge in his mind the possibility of picking up use of the pamphlets by discussion groups as part of his official program?

I will be at Scarritt College next Wednesday in Miss Roma Cupp's custody and at Peabody College Thursday evening for Truman Pierce. Hope I will have time in there to get to see you and Mrs Eleazer.

Meanwhile, if you could have a talk with Mr Schisler I am sure it will help a great deal. Schisler has been most generous in aiding the Council right along. Now here is a chance for something the Council has done to come in handy in the General Education effort.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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October 30, 1953

Personal

Very Reverend Maurice V Shean, C O
Rock Hill
South Carolina

Dear Father Shean:

At Dorothy Jones' request Ralph Barbare talked to Mr Lee M Sherer, County Superintendent of Education, and was given the following list of school buildings disposed of by the County:

Bullock Creek - to Bullock Creek Presbyterian Church
Smyrna - to Town of Smyrna
Philadelphia - to Community Methodist Church
Sutton Springs - to First Presbyterian Church of York
New Port - to Boy Scouts of America
Ebenezer - to Ebenezer Presbyterian Church
India Hook - to Home Demonstration Club
Oak Ridge - to Home Demonstration Club

Barbare was told that these are all very small buildings in rural communities being closed in the South Carolina School Reorganization Program.

In the Sutton Springs case, the First Presbyterian Church of York, which has for some years operated a small mission in the Sutton Springs community, had originally sponsored the movement to get a school organized in the community and had helped with plans for and getting the existing school building put up. It is understood that the present plan is to let the Presbyterian Church of York operate a mission in the school building with no connection with the schools one way or another.

Ebenezer is one of your Rock Hill suburbs and the church and the school were for some years on the same grounds. A new school building has now been put up a couple of miles off and the old building was turned over to the Presbyterian Church for use by its Sunday School.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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November third, 1953

Mr Lewis H Deer
The United Christian Missionary Society
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Mr Deer:

Good sized job you've got! I know you will do it skillfully and well.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS - The Schools and the Courts - can be supplied to you in quantity at ten cents apiece. The other one - CHECK LIST - goes at eight cents each in quantity. We would greatly like to send them to you in goodly amounts. I know hardly any use I would rather have made for four thousand than to get them used by discussion groups in your churches.

Here are some words that could be used about the SRC:

"The Southern Regional Council, beginning in 1919 as the Commission on Interracial Cooperation and organized anew in 1944 - as the Southern Regional Council, Inc., has always had as its main job the lessening of racial prejudice and discrimination in the Southern states. It grew directly out of the interest of Southern church leaders in this work and has had the guidance and cooperation of churches in the South ever since.

"In a policy statement issued in 1951, it said that in the South of the future segregation would be looked upon as a cruel and inhuman burden upon the human spirit.

"In its every day work, the Council has worked in the practical fields of lessening interracial tensions and violence and improving the courts and police administrations as they effect race relations, getting respectful treatment of Negroes in news stories and negotiating improved conditions in housing, employment, agriculture, health and schools.

"The Southern Regional Council is governed by a body representing its several thousand white and Negro members throughout the Southern States.

"Ralph McGill, Editor of the ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, thus described the Southern Regional Council some years ago:

"'The Southern Regional Council is an able and worthwhile organization working in the field of race relations. It has no radical tinge, but is, nevertheless, an aggressively energetic coordinating agency.'"

An interesting new book is NEGRO SEGREGATION IN THE METHODIST CHURCH - Dwight W Culver - Yale University Press. I have never read Frank Loescher's book listed in the bibliography of Culver's book but I know Frank Loescher and I am sure whatever he wrote would be accurate and good.

Malcolm Calhoun, Presbyterian Church in the United States, which has offices here in Atlanta at the Henry Grady Hotel, would be in position to bring you quite up to date by letter on the pulling together of the white and Negro Synods in the various Southern states within the Presbyterian Church.

For the Episcopal Church, some summary could be had from the Rt Reverend Alfred Cooper, Trinity Parish House, Columbia, South Carolina. He is the head of the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Province of Sewanee, Protestant Episcopal Church. The Province of Sewanee is, I think, everything Southern except perhaps Texas and Oklahoma.

The man Culver would know what the present state of affairs is in the Methodist Church. In the Southern Baptist Convention is the Reverend A C Miller, Executive Secretary, The Christian Life Commission, Room 414, 161 Eighth Avenue North, Nashville 3, Tennessee.

For the Catholic Church you might well write Very Reverend Maurice V Shean, C O, The Oratory, Rock Hill, South Carolina. He is an officer of the Catholic Committee of the South, whose General Chairman is Reverend Louis Flaherty, Richmond, Virginia.

For the Disciples of Christ, I suppose the authority would be the Reverend R B Montgomery, College of the Bible, Lexington, Kentucky.

Of course, Oscar Lee, with the National Council of Churches, would have a pretty accurate picture of the situation on all fronts.

Mr Lewis H Deer
T h r e e
November 3, 1953

Yes, I have read 707-708 of Simpson and Yinger's book. The whole book contains nothing, I think, later than about 1947 or 1948. No mention anywhere of the National Association of Intergroup Relations officers for instance. I should have considered writing the authors and setting them straight but have never done so. I will, though, now you remind me of it.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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November third, 1953

Mr J Oscar Lee, Executive Director
National Council of the Churches of
Christ in the U S A
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, N Y

Dear Oscar:

All went very well indeed I thought with Vastine's assignment thus far. He started in beautifully the day here in Atlanta and we went off to Kentucky together October 27.

Opportunity was made there for him to confer with the people in the Kentucky Division of SRC who are interested in the whole matter. They gave him a list of about a dozen contacts around Lexington and others in Louisville and in smaller places. I expect he will be busy and I know he will be extremely useful.

It was as kind as can be of the National Council to assign him to us. I am satisfied that Kentucky will be a better place quicker than otherwise for his trip.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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November third, 1953

Mr Paul B Wilson
Department of Agricultural Economics and
Rural Sociology
The Pennsylvania State College
State College, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr Wilson:

I don't know what happened to your first letter. It seems to me that I answered it but maybe I have not.

My mouth waters and I wish I had some money to send you a telegram and offer you a job beginning February first, 1954. But an organization like the Southern Regional Council lives on the ragged edge of extinction and I have no assurance that the Council is going to be going in February, 1954, much less in position to add a badly needed extra man to its staff. That's the tragedy of this business. Here are the Southern states direly needing just your services and no payroll for people to do what is needed.

I know Garnett and I knew years ago Charlie Burr whom Garnett trained for the job of translating what's in Garnett's head into language that the public in Virginia would read and act upon. You would not know of it but Charlie Burr had his LST tied to a bomb in Sicily.

I know Smithfield and I know the Hamilton Hotel and I know young Mitchell Morse who teaches English at State College. Do make him acquaintance.

There is only one thing I can think of. The Ford Foundation for Adult Education is offering some excellent fellowships for people who will do jobs in adult education for a year or so. Idea is for them to get experience. I am aching to get out into the field a whole big staff of people such as you who would lead in setting up local discussion groups, preferrably bi-racial, all over the South to get understanding of the issues and knowledge of the facts on school segregation. Here are the two basic pamphlets.

The man to appeal to is Mr Robert J Blakely, Program Director, The Fund for Adult Education, the Ford Foundation, 655 Madison Avenue, New York. They may say pro performa that your date of application does not meet the first push of people going

November 3, 1953

Mr Paul B Wilson
Department of Agricultural Economics and
Sociology
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Kentucky State College
State College, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr Wilson:

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George S Mitchell
Executive Director

November third, 1953

Very Reverend Maurice V Shean, C O
P O Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Shean:

We have sent off to Father Pitt the 24 copies of the pamphlet on the Schools and the Courts.

I was in Lexington, Kentucky, a couple of days ago and one of the members of the SRC Executive Committee in Kentucky told that Father Pitt would surely be interested in our discussion group proposal. Happy to see that he has already picked it up.

The Negro teachers of Kentucky have through their treasury enabled the purchase of four hundred copies of QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS to be sent out to various of their members over the state. I am told that a proposal is being seriously considered by the State Department of Education to send copies out to all members of local school boards in Kentucky. That is a key state and we are all working to try to get it prepared to do its best. Our SRC officers are aware of the cordial interest of the Archdiocese in Louisville and Bishop Malloy in Covington.

I have put December thirteen on my calendar for whatever may be worked out in South Carolina. Excellent idea and I would be happy to do what I can. I have talked in this way to various CIO and AFL groups within the last year or two.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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November 4, 1953

Mr. A. B. Carlton
Box 66
Florala, Ala.

Dear Mr. Carlton:

I have sent a packet of articles and mimeographed materials under separate cover which I believe will be helpful in preparing your paper on "The Changing Mores of the South."

The bibliography enclosed with the other materials is old and outdated as far as recent developments in race relations; I suggest that you write to the Race Relations Department, American Missionary Association, Fisk University, Nashville 8, Tenn. for a more recent listing of books and periodicals.

If you have access to the 1952 Negro Yearbook published by Tuskegee Institute, Alabama (sells for $4.00), there is a bibliography of publications by and about Negroes in the U. S. The Yearbook also contains a great deal of information on all phases of Negro life--population, income, employment, health, housing, etc. with summaries of recent developments in race relations in the South and recent court decisions extending the civil rights of Negroes.

One of the articles mailed separately contained a review of professional associations in the South open to Negroes in 1950. To bring this up to date: (1) medical associations--Negroes may be full members in Florida, Kentucky, South Carolina and Alabama; "scientific" or "associate" members in Georgia and Texas ("scientific" membership enables the Negro doctor to attend scientific meetings and join AMA, but usually denies him voting and insurance privileges); (2) nurses associations--Negro nurses admitted to full membership in all Southern states but Georgia and South Carolina; (3) dental associations--"scientific" membership in Alabama, Georgia is considering admission of Negroes.

We do not have any printed material giving an up-to-date list of Negroes appointed or elected to public office in the South. Negroes have recently been elected to the city council or city board of aldermen in the following Southern towns: Chapel Hill, N. C., Durham, N. C., Gastonia, N. C.,

Greensboro, N. C., Hopkinsville, Ky., Nashville, Tenn., Sikeston, Mo., Wilson, N. C. and Winston-Salem, N. C. Each year the number of Negroes filing for public offices increases and each year the number winning increases a little.

Negroes have been elected to the school board in Atlanta and Augusta, Ga. this year. The following towns--where board members are appointed--have Negroes serving on the school boards: Richmond, Va., Darlington, S. C., Lynchburg, Va., Nashville, Tenn., Newport News, Va., Roanoke, Va. The state boards of education in Maryland, Kentucky and North Carolina now have Negro members.

If we can answer any particular questions or supply further general information we will be glad to do so.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

Charge for material sent

8 pamphlets @.10	.80
Postage	.23
	$1.03

Stamps acceptable

November four, 1953

Mr Malcolm Ross
University Editor
University of Miami
Coral Gables (University Branch) 46
F l o r i d a

Dear Mike:

I feel no reluctance myself on tackling in a two minute interview on TV the question of the Supreme Court's decision on segregation in the schools, and I believe I could handle it without summoning down on us the Minute Women and the McCarthys.

I do think that is the topic people want to hear from a guy like me on and I don't know what else to take up. But if another topic seems better and you will pick out what it is I will try to handle it.

We sent you one picture. Did two or three others but they were awful. Wretched except the one we sent.

Correct. Arriving 7:59 Monday morning. Appreciate transportation and snooze.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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November six, 1953

Reverend and Mrs Adam Weir Craig
P i n e h u r s t
North Carolina

Dear The Craigs:

The Harrises wrote us that you would like to know about the Southern Regional Council.

I could send you reams of printed things which you would not read. I give you the shortest definition I ever heard of its work, from a Negro in an audience I talked to some weeks ago:

> "Mr Mitchell, in any little town in the South whatever you will find a few fair-minded white people."

The Southern Regional Council is an Association of fair-minded white people and their Negro friends. We are pushing mighty hard these days on a program of getting local discussion groups to use these two pamphlets. Quite amazing response in getting the pamphlets bought by interested organizations all over the South. Two thousand, if you please, were bought the other day by the Mississippi State Board of Education!

I have put in a membership form - the back of the grey mimeographed leaflet. We would be delighted to have you as members.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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November 6, 1953

To: Katherine Stoney

From: G S M

In your file on sale of Q & A and C L, you can add the following clumps:

Students at	Scarritt College Nashville, Tennessee	35
" "	Peabody College Nashville, Tennessee	34
" "	Tennessee A & T Nashville, Tennessee	35

And of course the welcome order from the Board of Education of the Methodist Church.

November 6, 1953

To: Katherine Stoney

From: G S M

The Board of Education of the Methodist Church yesterday verbally ordered through me 255 copies of Q & A and 255 copies of CHECK LIST. Q & A - 10¢ apiece; C L - 8¢.

These are to be sent to the Board of Education as on the attached yellow slip.

Mr J Q Schisler, Executive Secretary of it said he would mail out one copy of each pamphlet to each District Superintendent of the Methodist Church in the Southeastern and South-central jurisdictions.

I did not have the courage to say anything about postage and as the distance is very short I think we had better send them up there post-paid.

November six, 1953

Dr L H Foster
P r e s i d e n t
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr Foster:

My warmest gratitude to you and those about you and all of Tuskegee Institute for my happy enjoyment of the occasion of your inauguration. I do not know when I have been treated to two days of hospitality, thoughtfulness and friendship so generously.

Tuskegee Institute is a symbol of the noble achievement of the Negro in America. As I sat in the meetings and in the great Inauguration Service, one could feel strength and pride in the tradition and energy and devotion that Tuskegee has brought to bear in that cause. It is a rich service which you are doing to our country.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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November 9, 1953

Mr W J Kennedy, Jr
P r e s i d e n t
North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr Kennedy:

In a busy life I hope you can take a moment or two to look through these two booklets. We have done them to be used by local and preferably bi-racial discussion groups. The first one develops the issue and the second helps a group to find the facts.

These are precious weeks in which to do an educational job with public opinion in the South. After the Court decides minds now open will close in partisanship.

The QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS pamphlet has been out for some weeks and is going like hot cakes. The other day, if you please, the Mississippi State Department of Education ordered from us one thousand copies of each for distribution throughout that State. CHECK LIST is brand new.

Mr Spaulding once or twice bought goodly quantities of our pamphlets for distribution by your company. He was extremely helpful in getting the one called RACE IN THE NEWS into wider circulation and was interested in a later one called RACE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT.

We can supply QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS in quantity at 12 cents each and CHECK LIST at 8 cents. It is a good deal to ask; but I soberly propose your buying several hundred of either or both and getting them out.

Mr Wheeler knows us well and is on our Board of Directors; and many others in your company have been our long-time friends.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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November nine, 1953

Mr George W Cox, Vice President
North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company
Durham, North Carolina

Dear George:

Thought you might be interested in knowing that I am Dr Mitchell's secretary.

I am sending you also the two pamphlets which were enclosed with the letter Dr Mitchell is sending to Mr Kennedy, copy attached. I am sure you will find them interesting and if you think it workable to distribute them I'm sure you will so indicate to Mr Kennedy.

Al was glad to see you and Nola in Miami at the NNIA meeting and he relayed to me Nola's invitation to spend a while with you in Durham. Wish I could and I am hoping to do so sooner than you may think.

Hope you are feeling all right and that all the children and grandchildren are all right, too. My love to Nola.

Sincerely

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November ten, 1953

Dr J Rupert Picott
Executive Secretary
Virginia Teachers Association
Clay Street at Fourth
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr Picott:

My warmest appreciation for the opportunity to talk to your friends and members a short time ago.

Do push through a decision on the matter of widespread distribution of one or both of the pamphlets in Virginia. Emerson Smith has sent out perhaps a hundred; but the Virginia Teachers Association should really get five or six hundred more out. North Carolina has arranged for several copies to be sent to the Chairman of each County School Board in the State. The Mississippi State Department of Education has bought one thousand of each. Florida, Alabama, Arkansas and Louisiana have arranged for it to go out in one way or another. The Negro Teachers Association in Kentucky are sending out four hundred.

Virginia is a key state in the whole business and needs to get these local discussion groups going. I know you will do all that seems proper.

The combined Kentucky-Virginia trip cost about $113.00 one way or another. The Kentucky people paid $50.00 of it and if your Association can send the agreed maximum of $20.00 that will come pretty close to making the net cost of the Virginia leg of the journey be shared even-steven between your group and the Council.

Sincerely yours,

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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November ten, 1953

Mr O D Duncan
Oklahoma A & M College
Department of Sociology and
Rural Life
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear Mr Duncan:

I am much helped by your history and observances on Oklahoma. I do hope I will get another chance to come out soon and that time I will try to get myself to Stillwater for a long conversation.

Jimmy Stewart is a young World War II veteran who has come along lately. He has been a member of the National Board of the NAACP about a year. I would judge him to be the most promising leader among Negroes in Oklahoma City and possibly in the State. He was extremely helpful to me. Cenoria Johnson is perfectly friendly and would be helpful.

True that in the past our progress was pokey for Oklahoma, but we are all right now and I think the Negro leaders in the State would recognize the change.

I am not one who advocates setting up a lengthy paper organization just to have something on a letterhead. It is just as well if we have friends in the State who would do things for us. If the chance comes to set up an organization, well and good, particularly if it seems needed in the Oklahoma situation. But as of now, I feel entitled to call on you and others for things and that is two-thirds of the victory.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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November 10, 1953

Mr. Thomas Duffy
600 N. Paca St.
Baltimore 1, Md.

Dear Mr. Duffy:

I am sending you separately several articles bearing on the economy of the South. Within a week or so we will have available a summary of 1950 Census material on Negro family income in the South, which will be mailed to you. If your paper is due before this latter is available you might pull this material out for yourself--family income for the various Southern states is reported in the P - B series of reports in the 1950 Census; personal income by race is reported for all the states in the P - C series.

NEGROES IN THE UNITED STATES: THEIR EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC STATUS, Bulletin No. 1119, U. S. Department of Labor, December, 1952 (available from U. S. Government Printing Office, $.30) also contains a good deal of basic employment and income data. Covers the current situation, mostly the material is for the U. S. total, rather than broken down by regions or states.

Myrdal's AN AMERICAN DILEMMA, particularly, will give you background data on the economic history of the South and its relation to the Negro. I would be inclined to emphasize the effect of economic conditions of the South on segregation, rather than vice-versa. Especially if you are interested in an historical development of the topic.

Dr. Mitchell is out of the office until November 16. If you have any particular questions you would like to address to him after looking over ours and other material, I am sure he will be glad to answer them.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

November eleven, 1953

Dr Will W Alexander
New Hope Farm
R F D #3
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr Will:

The last annual meeting of the membership of the Council, acting under revised by-laws, elected a new Board of fifty persons chosen at the meeting plus the officers plus two to come from each State organization. Of the acceptances so far received, the enclosed is a list.

The Nominating Committee had a difficult time in getting the names down to fifty and in the process with reluctance did not put back on the Board some of our firmest friends who have been on it off and on heretofore. The thought was that you would give us your friendship straight through and that we ought to bring on quite a number of new people.

So I have the unhappy duty of writing you that your term expired in 1953. But we are continuingly grateful for your care in the Council's progress.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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P S: We had to write approximately this same letter to twenty-odd people. It costs me dearly to write you that we have not got you on the Board. This whole thing is your show anyway. Still the place where your Board membership counts the most is on your own front porch and you are still the No 1 member there!

GSM

Daily file

November eleven
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Mr Tom Campbell
Extension Service
Tuskegee Institute
A l a b a m a

Dear Mr Campbell:

Here is a copy of the speech I made at Tuskegee Institute on the occasion of the Inauguration which you so kindly said you wanted.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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Campbell

Same to: George Paris
Box 296
Tuskegee Institute, Ala

Emory Jackson
BIRMINGHAM WORLD
Birmingham, Alabama

John Mitchell, Natl Leader
Extension Service
U S Dept of Agriculture
Washington, D C

Dr I L Ferguson
Box 217
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Last copy
to House Committee on
Un-American Activities

November eleven, 1953

Mr Morris B Abram
Healey Building
A t l a n t a

Dear Mr Abram:

The other day we drew lots for terms of office of the fifty Board members of the Council. Yours came out at the two-year term and ends with the annual meeting in November, 1955. We are honored to have you as part of the Board.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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Same to:

James L Coker, Hartsville, S C
Paul R Christopher, Knoxville, Tenn
A J Clement, Charleston, S C
Herbert M Davidson, Daytona Beach, Fla
O D Duncan, Stillwater, Okla
S Thomas Friedman, Houston, Texas
C G Gomillion, Tuskegee Institute, Ala
John A Griffin, Atlanta
Chas S Johnson, Fisk University, Nashville
R O'Hara Lanier, Houston, Texas
Rabbi Chas Mantinband, Hattiesburg, Miss
E A McDowell, Wake Forrest, N C
Clyde Milner, Guilford College, N C
Charles Parrish, Louisville, Ky
Bishop E A Penick, Raleigh, N C
Mrs J N Rayzor, Houston, Texas
Mrs J M Richards, Decatur, Georgia
Fr Maurice Shean, Rock Hill, S C
J Edwin Smith, Houston, Texas
Mrs E H Spearman, Columbia, S C
Florence Syts, New Orleans, La
Mrs J F Tillman, Lewisburg, Tenn
Judge L E Thomas, Miami, Florida
Rev A S Turnipseed, Montgomery, Ala

November 11, 1953

Mr. Robert McKay
New York University School of Law
Washington Square
New York, N Y

Dear Bob:

We are wondering how the segregation-in-recreation article is coming--specifically, if it will be in print in the near future.

As you well know, some of the background data we got together dates back to August and September of 1952. Harold thought he would go ahead and use our survey as a NEW SOUTH article if 1) your article is still in the works and not likely to appear this fall and 2) our printing an independent piece focused on public recreational facilities by race (not tackling the legal aspects) would not detract from your article.

Would like to hear from you about this soon.

Also, S O S on the 1953 file of recreation and professional entertainment clips. We need them from time to time and would like to have them if you no longer need them.

Regards from S R C. Kack and I are sitting out the Emory night classes this quarter.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

November 11, 1953

Mr. Ralph W. Lloyd
President, Maryville College
Maryville, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Lloyd:

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, Morehouse College, recently forwarded your request for information on the de-segregation of higher education in the South. I am sending some printed material separately which will give you a more detailed answer to some of the questions you asked than Dr. Mays could give in a letter.

The three main U. S. Supreme Court decisions involving admission of Negroes to state-supported graduate and professional schools are: (1) Sipuel v. Board of Regents of Oklahoma, January, 1948; (2) Sweatt v. Painter (Texas), June, 1950; and (3) McLaurin v. Board of Regents of Universityof Oklahoma, June, 1950. The Sipuel cases is discussed briefly in one of the articles sent separately and the Sweatt and McLaurin decisions are reprinted inanother.

I thought you would be interested in a summary of recent court action and volunatry admission of Negroes on the part of Southern state colleges:

ALABAMA - Misses Polly A. Myers and Catherine Lucy filed suit for admission to the graduate division of the University of Alabama, July 3, 1953. They contend that they received a letter of welcome and receipts for a room deposit when their applications were filed; upon arrival to the campus the dean of admission refused to admit them, saying a "mistake" had been made. Birmingham District Court dismissed the case Oct. 9 on a technicality; it is now being appealed to the U. S. Circuit Court.

FLORIDA - The 1952 session of the U. S. Supreme Court refused to review the decision of the Florida Supreme Court that courses offered at Florida A & M College complied with the U. S. Constitution and hence the University of Florida was under no obligation to admit Negro applicants. Negroes applied for admission to the law, pharmacy, engineering and agriculture schools at the University in 1949 and the Florida Supreme Court put off ruling until after courses in these areas had been set up at the A & M College.

GEORGIA - Trial of Horace T. Ward's suit for entry to the University of Georgia law school was postponed indefinitely in September when Mr. Ward was drafted into the Army. Ward 's suit has been filed in the District Court in Atlanta for several years, the trial being delayed by a controversy over Ward's fulfiling of admission requirements. A recent press report related that a Negro freshman at Morehouse had been refused admission to Georgia Institute of Technology.

LOUISIANA - The Fifth District Court of Appeals in New Orleans has been asked to review the decision of U. S. District Judge J. S. Wright that Alexander Tureaud, Jr. be admitted to the undergraduate division at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La. Under Judge Wright's order Tureaud is enrolled and attending classes on the Baton Rouge campus.

MISSISSIPPI - Rev. C. H. Dubra stated October 28, 1953 that he had applied and been denied admission to the University of Mississippi, He ~~xxxxx~~ said that he would like to exhaust every means before taking court action but that a suit appeared to be the only course left. If Rev. Dubra does sue it will be the first legal action seeking admission of Negroes to Mississippi's institutions of higher education for whites.

NORTH CAROLINA - North Carolina State College, Raleigh, accepted the applications of two Negroes seeking master's degrees in scientific courses not offered at the state Negro college or at the University at Chapel Hill, which began admitting Negro students in 1951. While NC State College admitted the two Negroes without court action, the first Negroes to enter the University at Chapel Hill were admitted as a result of court action.

SOUTH CAROLINA- So far no suits have been filed at the level of higher education.

As Dr. Mays told you in his letter, it is very hard to estimate the number of Negro students enrolled in formerly "white" colleges. In many, winter enrollment is small; the summer enrollment is generally a little larger. A press report of June, 1952, for example, stated that approximately 700 Negroes were attending summer sessions at the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma A & M College. A press report during the summer of 1951 set Negro enrollment at the University of Texas at 40 and an October report in 1951 stated that 35 Negro girls were students at Nazareth College in Louisville. I was at the University of North Carolina during the summer of 1951 and at that time there were five Negro students enrolled. The number decreases as you move from the border to the deep South states; and it varies from winter to summer everywhere. Total estimates range from 1500 to 2000.

If we can be of further help, please feel free to write.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

November 12, 1953

Miss Sybil Austin
Holden Hall
College of Wooster
Wooster, Ohio

Dear Miss Austin:

I have sent you under separate cover some printed materials dealing with the admission of Negroes to institutions of higher learning in the South. Among these is a list of public and private institutions currently admitting Negroes.

The important point in analyzing the de-segregation of higher education in the South is this: once the right of the Negro to secure higher education in public colleges has been established by the courts, the private institutions open up, and the state institutions not specifically affected by the court ruling go on to extend admission voluntarily. All in direct contrast to our folk belief that "you can't legislate social change."

In Kentucky, for example, after a court ruling admitting Negroes to the state university graduate school, the legislature amended the Day Law, making it possible for private institutions to admit Negroes if they so desired. Since the amendment of the Day Law racial barriers have been dropped in all the Catholic colleges, Berea College, two nursing schools and several religious seminaries; the Negro and white branches of the University of Louisville were integrated and there is now one municipal college admitting both races. Following the Supreme Court ruling involving the University of Oklahoma graduate division, the A & M College has been voluntarily opened to Negroes. Both the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma A & M now have undergraduates attending. Similarly the court case in Virginia which admitted Negroes to the law school of the University paved the way for admission of Negroes to the medical college, William and Mary and to both the graduate and undergraduate divisions of Virginia Polytechnic. And so on.

Court rulings have not always preceded the private institution's decision to admit Negroes, of course. Before the U. S. Supreme court decisions in 1948 and 1950 (Sipuel v. Oklahoma Board of Regents, Sweatt v. Painter and McLaurin v. Oklahoma Board of Regents), which set the stage for subsequent rulings in favor of admitting Negroes to those state institutions which had educational facilities superior to facilities provided for Negroes, Catholic University and several

other Catholic colleges in Washington, D. C., St. Louis University in St. Louis, Mo. and a few other institutions here and there had Negro students. But since the courts have cleared the way, the process of integration in private schools has been greatly accelerated.

The opening up of a good many of the state universities on the graduate level and of a growing number of private institutions does not mean that higher education in the South is by any means integrated. Only a small number of Negroes attend such institutions as the University of North Carolina, Louisiana State University; Columbia Theological Seminary (Presbyterian) in Decatur, Ga. reports only one Negro student this year. Negro enrollment is higher in Oklahoma, Kentucky and Missouri, particularly in the summer; a press release in 1952 estimated that 700 Negroes were on the Oklahoma A & M and the University of Oklahoma campus during the summer session. Recent estimates of the total number of Negro students enrolled in formerly "white" institutions of higher education in the South range from 1600 to 2000, a small proportion of the total number of students in colleges and universities throughout the region.

Five state universities in the South have still not admitted Negroes, even on the graduate or professional level: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and Mississippi. Suits have been filed in Alabama, Florida and Georgia. The Florida cases has been temporarily stalled by expansion of the Negro A & M College facilities; the A & M College is now elevated to university status, offering courses in all those areas in which suits were filed. The Georgia case has been indefinitely postponed as Horace Ward, who filed suit for admission to the law school, was recently drafted. The Alabama case is now being appealed to the U. S. Circuit Court. The two students who ~~applied~~ are involved in the Alabama suit applied for admission and contend that they received a letter of welcome and receipts for a room deposit. When they arrived on the campus the dean of admission refused to register them, insisting that a "mistake" had been made.

If you have access to a copy of the Negro Yearbook for 1952 (published by Tuskegee Institute, Ala.) you will find some helpful material in the section on education and also on civil rights. Such periodicals as the JOURNAL OF NEGRO EDUCATION, PHYLON publish articles on higher education from time to time. The JOURNAL OF NEGRO EDUCATION YEARBOOK, Summer, 1952 was devoted to "The Courts and Racial Integration in Education."

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

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November sixteen, 1953

Mr William F Schnitzler
Secretary-Treasurer
American Federation of Labor
A F of L Building
Washington, D C

Dear Mr Schnitzler:

It encourages us tremendously to have the American Federation of Labor's grant of $1000.00 which came with your kind letter of November six. For thirty years I have carried up and down the South the message that the Labor movement is making and will continue to make the greatest contribution of anyone to a full stature for all of the people of the South. What a joy it is now that this same movement comes to the help of our Council.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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November sixteen, 1953

Mr Milton C Rose
William C Whitney Foundation
120 Broadway
New York 5, New York

Dear Mr Rose:

We are deeply grateful for the William C Whitney Foundation's most kind grant of $1000.00 which came with your letter of November six.

We were in real distress and your check put us back in the black. We think we can hold the gain and stay in the black quite through 1953.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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November
seventeen
1953

Dr Robert C Weaver, Director
OPPORTUNITY FELLOWSHIPS
John Hay Whitney Foundation
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, N Y

Dear Bob:

Many thanks for the NEW YORK TIMES story on the National Planning Association's study. They have not sent us any but I have written for a set and have asked them to send a set to you. Their Washington address is:

Howard T Hudson
National Planning Association
1606 New Hampshire Avenue
Washington 9, D C

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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JOHN HAY WHITNEY FOUNDATION
30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA
NEW YORK 20, N.Y.

November 12, 1953

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Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

I was most interested in the attached editorial appearing in last Sunday's New York Times and I am enclosing it in the event that it may not have come to your attention.

My purpose in writing you is to elicit your assistance in securing a copy of Dr. Dewey's study. If you can have one sent and billed to the Foundation, I would appreciate it greatly.

With personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Bob

Robert C. Weaver
Director
OPPORTUNITY FELLOWSHIPS

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NEGROES AND JOBS

"Four Studies of Negro Employment in the Upper South," a report made for the National Planning Association's Committee of the South, is an illuminating document. It supplies much needed information but makes no recommendations, for the good reason that much more research is required for a clear understanding of the highly complex problem of Negro employment. The report, second in a series of six studies of Negro employment in the South, paid special attention to tobacco and textiles, the two dominant industries of the area. It describes the terms of Negro employment in 108 separate establishments. Interviews covered approximately 105,000 jobs, roughly 17,000 of which are filled by Negroes.

In evaluating the general conclusions offered by Prof. Donald Dewey of Duke University, author of the report, we should bear in mind that racial employment practices change more slowly in manufacturing than in distribution or the service trades. Thus, for the manufacturing establishments surveyed, Dr. Dewey concludes that a striking feature of Negro employment is the stability of the color line "through fifteen years of depression, war and cold war." However, even though the color barrier to employment has not changed much, in no industry or occupation is there evidence of the trend toward elimination of Negro workers that existed in the Thirties. In those few instances where Negro and white workers do the same job in the same plant they receive the same pay and fringe benefits. Some instances were reported where Negro workers were moved into jobs previously held by whites. Perhaps the most disturbing feature of the survey was the disclosure of the difficulties faced by Negroes in securing advancement by being upgraded to new jobs created by technical innovations or jobs formerly filled by white workers.

Dr. Dewey's studies offer some grounds for optimism so far as Negroes' prospects are concerned because employers' attitude toward labor are largely conditioned by self-interest. He is perhaps too pessimistic in concluding that individual employers and labor unions cannot do much to change the sentiments of white workers against Negro supervision and Negroes as co-workers. However, we believe he is on firm ground in maintaining that the task of securing a more efficient use of Negro abilities in the Southern economy is an inseparable part of two larger problems: How to improve race relations and how to make better use of Southern resources generally.

November seventeen, 1953

Miss Louise Feher
1133 Mill Plain Road
Fairfield, Connecticut

Dear Miss Feher:

Go up to that funny looking red brick library at Southport and tell Madam the Librarian that you earnestly require a book published in 1858, written by Hinton Rowan Helper, and called "The Impending Crisis in the South". It has got pretty much all the arguments. You would not have to read it all, but you could get what you wanted.

At the same time, you might make her dig up Fred Law Olmstead's "Journey in the Seaboard Slave States". He was the soundest outside observer of the prewar South.

I don't know about the Reconstruction Period. I have not read all the books a man should read, but I don't think anybody has quite found the truth yet. Certainly I don't trust Mr Howard Fast and his so-called findings. But neither was it as bad as the standard books say.

Reconstruction was something like a New Deal, but the trouble is that the history of it was written by the people who were the then equivalents of McCarthy. So by now the history is kind of blurred!

The Congregational Church did a vastly resourceful job during those Reconstruction years. It still has links with all of this through the American Missionary Association, which has headquarters with the Congregational Church at 287 Fourth Avenue, New York, New York. You could write a good paper on the things the Congregationalists did during that period. Business about the Amistad, and so on.

If we can help any more, let us know.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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enclosure: "What Kind of South Do You Want?"

November seventeen, 1953

Reverend Dan Whitsett, Chairman
Alabama Division SRO
Sylacauga, Alabama

Dear Mr Whitsett:

I enjoyed your letter of November 13 to Mr Thresher, Mr Pierce and Mr Comillion.

The North Carolina Division so far galvanized itself into action as to ask us here to send out, with a letter from their Chairman, three copies each to the Chairman of all City and County School Boards in North Carolina and we have done that. Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas, and Kentucky, have all made arrangements, not yet finally completed, for getting it out, and I am trying to get similar plans made with Florida, South Carolina and Georgia.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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November seventeen, 1953

Mr Beaumert Whitton
Southeastern Construction Company
301 West Second Street
Charlotte 1, North Carolina

Dear Mr Whitton:

Back in 1919, largely in an effort to calm the race riots which appeared after World War I in Oklahoma and elsewhere in the South, various local Interracial Committees were set up. They were linked together in State Interracial Committees and the State ones were federated in a Southwide Commission which had offices in Atlanta from 1920 to 1943, called the Commission on Interracial Cooperation.

After World War II came along, it was felt that a stronger and larger organisation was called for and, as an outgrowth of a succession of conferences in Durham, Richmond and Atlanta, the Southern Regional Council was established in 1944. Its first President was Dr Harold Cohen, in the University of North Carolina, and his successors have been Paul Williams of Richmond, Virginia, and Marion Wright of Linville Falls, North Carolina. Guy Johnson, now at Chapel Hill, was first Executive Director, and I took over from Guy Johnson in 1947.

The various leaflets which from time to time have been printed to explain the Council are out of print and I have available only this mimeographed one which I send under separate cover with other material. It is out of date now as to various of the Board members but still substantially describes what the Council tries to do.

We have thought that the problems and controversies attending the pending decision of the Supreme Court are of crucial importance and that we ought to do all we could to get widespread understanding of the issues. The little QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS book, and a companion one, a CHECK LIST for your local schools, we prepared to be used by local discussion groups. They have both been quite well received and are getting a good circulation.

I think your point that something ought to be on the pamphlets describing the Council is well taken. We are small and certainly not well known. I will bear

November 17, 1953

Mr. Benjamin Whitten

Dear Mr. Whitten:

Back in 1951 the Council issued a brief statement of policy entitled "The South of the Future - A Statement of Policy" in an effort to call the race issue which appeared after World War I "Questions and Answers" designed to be of value to committees interested in specific local problems. Later we saw linked together in a single booklet the "Check List" and "Questions and Answers" as a comprehensive consideration which had been used in many communities. Last year we saw the need for a brief statement of the Council's aims and purposes. We felt it important to have such a statement available for use in discussion groups and other meetings. We have found it helpful to have a single document which we can give to people who want to know what we are trying to do and why we think it is important. We have also found it helpful to have such a document to give to people who want to know what we are trying to do and why we think it is important. We have also found it helpful to have such a document to give to people who want to know what we are trying to do and why we think it is important.

Publications List

Mr. Benjamin Whitten
Southeastern Construction Company
108 West Second Street
Charlotte 1, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Whitten:

Sent under separate cover:

"What Kind of South Do you Want?"

"Questions and Answers"

"Check List"

"The South of the Future - A Statement of Policy"

Last Interracial Inventory

Sincerely yours

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

November 17, 1953

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Mr Clark H Bowman
Department of Sociology
Upsala College
East Orange, New Jersey

Dear Mr Bowman:

I am glad you have settled on a place to make your sample study.

The Chairman of our Mississippi Division of SRC is Mr John Long who, I suppose, still runs the Southern Christian Institute at Edwards, Mississippi, although Edwards, I believe, is under sentence of disbursement. The Secretary-Treasurer is Mrs Ruby Stutts Lyells, 1116 Montgomery Street, Jackson, Mississippi. She is Librarian at one of the Negro branch libraries and might be found there if not at her home. The Vice Chairman is Rabbi Charles Mantinband, 808 Mamie Street, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Were I in your shoes, I would visit first Mr Jacob Reddix, President of Jackson College, Jackson, Mississippi, and spread out from there. You ought to make yourself known, too, to Hodding Carter, Editor of the Delta Democrat at Greenville, Mississippi, who was a Board member of the SRC for several years. I have a pleasant relationship with Mrs W H Ratliff, whose husband is a considerable planter at Sherard.

My father was raised at Jonestown, in Coahama County, and a cousin of mine is still thereabouts, by name John Mitchell. His place is hard to find - somewhere out between Lula and Jonestown. He makes a thousand bales or so himself each year.

If you should happen to Amory, a wise friend of mine is named A D Stewart, who was, until lately at any rate, a farm implement dealer at Amory. May have moved, but worth tracking down. Knows Mississippi agriculture and business intimately with a detachment rare in the State.

Let us know how you come along.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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November seventeen, 1953

Mr Henry Edward Schultz
National Chairman
Anti-Defamation League of
B'nai B'rith
212 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr Schultz:

The Southern Regional Council sends its admiring greetings to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith on the occasion of its FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

For seven of those forty years, our Council has been honored with a closely collaborative arrangement with your Southern offices. We could go to your local people and get advice on problems to be solved, comfort in times of failure, and comradely rejoicing over small successes; and I assure you we have used the privilege to the full!

The two organizations pursue a common goal of full democracy for all of the people of the South. Your members and officers all over the South, in pursuit of this end, have been generous of interest and wisdom in a way that has been a joy to know.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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November seventeen, 1953

Mr Leo B Marsh, Secretary
Counseling and Interracial Services
National Council of the Y M C A
291 Broadway
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr Marsh:

That's a hard bill to fill. Brooks Hays, the Congressman from the Little Rock District in Arkansas, could do it. He is a devoted Baptist layman, active in what was the Social Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, and he would understand and be understood. Bishop W R Moody, of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Lexington (Kentucky), could do a good job and he is close by.

A younger fellow, who could perhaps set fire, is right there in Columbus working as the editorial personsand public relations man for the Ohio Farm Bureau Insurance Companies. He is Calvin Kytle whose address is 246 North High Street. Has only been there in Columbus two or three years but has made something of a name for himself and remains deeply and modernly informed about things Southern.

A Presbyterian layman of wide and much down-to-earth knowledge, who writes frequently in the Presbyterian Outlook, is J M Dabbs, Mayesville, South Carolina, a former professor at Coker College, who inheritedda plantation and quit teaching to attend the place.

The President of the College of the Bible, at Lexington, Kentucky, is Mr Riley Montgomery. The College of the Bible is the Seminary for the Disciples of Christ. Mr Montgomery is well known as a liberal, an excellent speaker, rich years of experience in Lynchburg, Virginia, and more lately in Lexington, Kentucky. Might well be your best bet.

Dr E A McDowell, Wake Forrest, North Carolina, was until a couple of years ago a leading pfofesser at the Southern Baptist College at Louisville, and went down to head the new Seminary at Wake Forrest when it was set up. Strong man, sound, liberal and thoughtful in his views.

Much could be said of Dr J McDowell Richards, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia.

I would trust the pastor of the First Baptist Church at Richmond, Virginia, Dr Theodore F Adams.

I myself have high respect for Bishop E P Dandridge, lately the Bishop of Nashville of the Episcopal Church and now head, I believe, of the Theological School at Sewanee. Has been criticised, unfairly I think, for taking the leadership of an institution which had so lately postponed opening its doors to Negroes; but since he took charge it has accepted some Negro students. Pretty wise man, I think is Dandridge.

If any of these would be helpful names, I am glad. If none sounds suitable, let me know and I will try again.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

November
seventeen
1953

Dr Robert C Weaver, Director
OPPORTUNITY FELLOWSHIPS
John Hay Whitney Foundation
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, N Y

Dear Bob:

Many thanks for the NEW YORK TIMES story on the National Planning Association's study. They have not sent us any but I have written for a set and have asked them to send a set to you. Their Washington address is:

Howard T Hudson
National Planning Association
1606 New Hampshire Avenue
Washington 9, D C

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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November seventeen, 1953

Mr Howard T Hudson
National Planning Association
1606 New Hampshire Avenue
Washington 9, D C

Dear Mr Hudson:

Please send one set of the FOUR STUDIES OF NEGRO EMPLOYMENT IN THE UPPER SOUTH to us here and another set to the address given below and send us the bill. We will be grateful.

Robert C Weaver, Director
OPPORTUNITY FELLOWSHIPS
John Hay Whitney Foundation
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, N Y

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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November 18, 1953

Miss Phia Phillips
528 Wabash Ave. NE
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Miss Phillips:

I have sent a packet of articles under separate cover that I believe will be helpful in preparing your paper.

One of the articles contains a review of professional associations in the South open to Negroes. It was written in 1950 and the following additions bring it up to date: (1) Medical Associations - - Negroes may be full members in Florida, Kentucky, South Carolina and Alabama; "scientific" or "associate" members in Georgia and Texas (may attend scientific meetings and join A M A , do not have full voting privileges); (2) Nurses Associations - - Negro nurses admitted to full membership in all Southern states except Georgia and South Carolina; (3) Dental Associations - - "scientific" membership in Alabama; the Georgia association currently considering membership.

We do not have any printed material giving an up-to-date list of Negroes who have been elected or appointed to public offices in the South. The number increases gradually each year. At present Negroes are serving on city councils or boards of aldermen in the following Southern towns: Chapel Hill, Durham, Gastonia, Greensboro, Wilson and Winston-Salem, NC; Hopkinsville, Ky.; Nashville and Oak Ridge, Tenn.; and Sikeston, Mo. The city council member in Gastonia is also the city treasurer.

Negroes have been elected to the school board in Atlanta and Augusta, Ga. this year. The following towns--where board members are appointed--have Negroes serving on the school boards; Richmond, Lynchburg, Newport News and Roanoke, Va.; Nashville, Tenn. and Darlington, S. C. The state boards of education in Maryland, Kentucky and North Carolina now have Negro members.

You will find the 1952 Negro Yearbook helpful (Editor, Jessie Guzman; published by Tuskegee Institute, Ala.). The Atlanta Public Library has a copy.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

Charge for materials	
Pamphlets	$.65
Postage	.05
	$.70

November twenty, 1953

Mrs Henry Havens
2845 Corinthian Avenue
Jacksonville 5, Florida

Dear Mrs Havens:

I went through Jacksonville at some eerie hour the other morning on the way back from Miami and at the airport was swatted in the face with the crude discrimination of the signs pointing toward the reserved balcony area for Negroes.

I can see what happened. The Jacksonville airport is hopelessly cramped and I suppose is in its last stages before being replaced with a really nice one. But the present arrangement is an affront to any sensitive person using the airport.

I do hope you and your friends in Jacksonville will try to get a word in the right places so that when the crowded conditions are relieved the airport will either dispense with segregation entirely or manage it in quite another way from the present arrangement. I daresay this has been on the agenda of your friends in Jacksonville for a long time, but I write as a precaution, anyway.

We are having great success in getting out the QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS pamphlet. It has been very widely bought by church, teacher and labor groups.

As Mr Davisson Dunlap is Chairman of the Florida Division these days, I sent a copy of this to him.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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cc-davisson dunlap

November 24, 1953

Dr. Gordon W. Lovejoy
P. O. Box 578
Guilford College, N. C.

Dear Dr. Lovejoy:

Dr. Mitchell is out of town this week, but I will give you what help I can as to sources of material on school integration.

SRC keeps a running list of colleges, seminaries and other institutions of higher learning that are opening up to Negro students in the South and in border states. Copy enclosed. The 1952 Negro Yearbook (Tuskegee Institute, Alabama) published a more detailed list, carrying through 1951, which includes dates students were accepted, divisions enrolling Negro students and names of the first Negro students.

I am sending two NEW SOUTH articles under separate cover that bear on school integration: "New Trend in Private Colleges" and "St. Louis Group Urges Step-by-Step Planning for Integrated Schools."

The only comprehensive study of integration in school systems that I am familiar with is yet unpublished. The Ford Foundation's Fund for the Advancement of Education launched--as you probably know--a short-term project this summer headed by Harry Ashemore of the Arkansas Gazette, Little Rock, Ark. Their survey set out to find the facts that the South needs to know in facing its present school-segregation dilemma--existing inequalities, experiences in educational integration at the college and university level, and included a survey of school integration at the grade school level in Illinois, New Jersey and other states which have recently integrated. Reports from the material gathered are not to be published until early spring, as I understand it.

Some of the articles in the enclosed bibliography might be helpful.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

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November 25, 1953

Dr R B Atwood
Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mr Atwood:

The other day we drew lots for terms of office of the fifty Board members of the Council. Yours came out at the four-year term and ends with the annual meeting in November, 1957. We are honored to have you as part of the Board.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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November 27, 1953

Mr Ray C Nixon
District Director
United Rubber, Cork, Linoleum,
and Plastic Workers of America
95 Merritts Avenue N E
Atlanta

Dear Ray:

This confirms my telephone call of today to your office accepting the kind invitation to be at the banquet Saturday evening, December five, seven P M - GSM and Alice, his wife, both.

I am your man for Sunday, December six, at ten A M, to do the Map speech. I am delighted to have this opportunity to be with the Rubber Workers in their District Council meeting.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm-t

November 27, 1953

Mr Olen M Warnock, Chief
Technical Cooperation Division
U S Department of Labor
Office of International Labor Affairs
Washington, D C

Dear Mr Warnock:

Many thanks for information about Mr Johannes Den Uyl.

My schedule calls for me to be out of the city for much of the period December thirteen-sixteen, but I expect to be here for one day during that time anyway and will look forward to an opportunity to be with Mr Den Uyl and help him plan his stay.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL LABOR AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

November 23, 1953

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Southern Regional Council

VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
Wesley Memorial Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

At the suggestion of the national headquarters of the American Federation of Labor, we are writing you concerning a foreign leader, Mr. Johannes Den Uyl. He is in the United States under the Department of State's Leaders and Specialists Program and the Office of International Labor Affairs, acting as his sponsor, is assisting him in making arrangements.

Mr. Den Uyl as Director of the Research Department for the Dutch Labor Party is interested in the relationships between current economic conditions and political issues and desires to have discussions with leaders of similar interests. He would also be happy to address any group meetings on How Europeans View America or the Postwar Social, Economic, and Political Developments in the Netherlands. A biographical sketch further indicating his interests is enclosed.

For your information, Mr. Den Uyl is interested in meeting Mr. Ralph McGill, Editor of the "Atlanta Constitution", and may have one or two additional contacts that he will desire to make in Atlanta.

Mr. Den Uyl will be in Atlanta December 13 to 16 and during this period will phone you to determine what arrangements may be made. He will be staying at the Georgia Hotel.

Many thanks for your continued help to the labor leaders from other lands.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures

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Arrival U.S.: October 2, 1953
Length of Visit: 90 days

Mr. Johannes Den Uyl arrived in the United States October 2 for a ninety day stay under the Department of State's Leaders and Specialists Program. The Office of International Labor Affairs of the United States Department of Labor has been assigned the responsibility for arranging his program while in the United States.

Mr. Den Uyl is Director of the Research Department for the Dutch Labor Party and Advisor to the Executive Committee. He is also Editor-Secretary of their monthly publication, Socialisme en Democratie (Socialism and Democracy). He is a substitute member of the Social and Economic Council of the Netherlands and has been a delegate for the Dutch Labor Party to various economic conferences of the Socialist International. He was the principal author of "The Road to Freedom, perspective of a society in transition", a detailed long-term plan, published by the Dutch Labor Party in 1951.

Mr. Den Uyl is interested in the relationship of economic conditions and political issues and the activities of various pressure groups, particularly the trade unions and the role they play in political affairs at the local, state, and federal levels.

He is also interested in the opportunity of visiting people in their homes.